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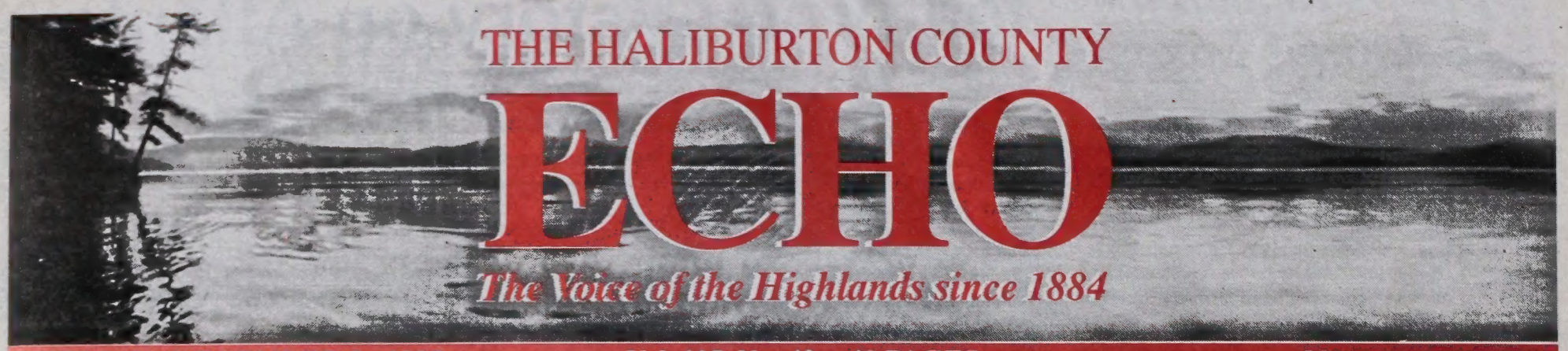

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Board makes up days lost during strike

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton's school board intends to partially make up for 10 days of class time missed during the recent teachers' strike by extending the school year, reducing exam periods and cutting some PA days.

The last day of classes for students has been pushed back three school days to Wednesday, June 24 from Friday, June 19, under the board's recovery plan.

Students going to high school will make up eight class days they lost during the two-week teachers' walkout over Bill 160, while the revisions gain back five days for elementary students.

"I personally think that's about the best you're going to get it," said Dale Robinson, the board's superintendent of business administration.

He noted the changes mean both high school and elementary students will have 180 class days for the current year and teachers will have four PA days (one of them was prior to the strike).

However, the board opted not to make up for missed class time by cancelling a board-designated holiday set for March 13 — the Friday prior to the March break.

While the holiday may be considered "a bit of a plum for staff," it's appreciated by parents, said Robinson.

Many families going on vacation use the day to get a jump on March break traffic.

"Families like it and they

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Merger plan sways Saunders to resign as board director

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton's school board director has announced he'll resign at the end of the month when the board is dismantled, rather than playing a role in merging it with two neighbouring boards.

Brad Saunders' announcement — delivered Tuesday at the board's final meeting — comes less than a week after his counterpart in Victoria County revealed plans to do the same thing.

In light of the announcements, the local committee helping to oversee the three-board amalgamation was to recommend yesterday that Muskoka's director, Evelyn Brown, serve as acting director of the new district board for Haliburton, Victoria and Muskoka .

It will be up to trustees on the new board, which takes power January 1, to name a permanent director.

Saunders tried to read his letter of resignation to trustees Tuesday evening, but was overcome by his emotions.

"I'm not going to be able to do this," he said, his eyes welling with tears.

Board chair Cheryl Murdoch then tried to read the letter, but made it only a few words into the first sentence before she too halted to stop.

Saunders gave the letter one more try before he passed it along to Minden trustee Bryan

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HEY, SANTA! The Harpley family – Billy, Jessica and Lindsay – joined hundreds of other Christmas fans on the main street of Minden for the annual Santa Claus parade. For more photos, see page 21.

A little goes a long way for HAVE

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

After travelling to some of the remote corners of India to see villages which are benefiting from the supply of clean water, Gerry Feltham is more convinced than ever of the need for groups such as Help A Village Effort.

"The help of HAVE and the Canadian International Development Agency to the millions of poor people in India is a mere minute drop, but to the several thousands of poor, neglected villages whom we are actually helping in the development of their lives, it is a might, magnificent drop," Feltham said in his report at HAVE's annual general meeting Thursday night at the YWCA office in Haliburton.

Through fundraising such as the annual Walk for Water, the county-based volunteer organization pays for the installation of wells in some of the poorest areas of the subcontinent. Last winter, after days travelling by bus and train across India, Feltham monitored wells in three of those areas.

• Nabarangpur District: "Over the years, fund-

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Builders challenge groups to help fill 4Cs' Xmas boxes

The members of the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association are preparing for the Christmas season. They have announced the Second Annual Christmas Challenge.

Last year, 30 groups accepted their challenge to collect toys and food for the 4Cs' Christmas boxes. Hundreds of toys and food items were collected and delivered to the Minden and Haliburton 4Cs' locations.

Again this year, the Home Builders' Association is challenging each organization, company or group to bring unwrapped gifts or food items to their Christmas party. They will collect all the gifts and deliver them to the distribution centres in the county. If your party has already taken place, don't fret. They will pick up at your office instead.

Each contributing group will be eligible for a draw on December 23. The prizes will include an 8x10 booth at the very popular Home Builders' Home, Cottage and Recreation Show in May. Also this year, they are pleased to include a one-month family swim membership donated by Wigamog Inn.

So, as you gather in friendship and goodwill, help spread the cheer a little bit farther. For more information, contact Aggie Tose at the Home Builders' office at 457-3837.

West Guilford's Jeff Stamp featured in story on Atlanta

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

The career and aspirations of former Highlands resident Jeff Stamp is predominantly featured in a recent story by Mark Stevenson in The Ottawa Citizen. The article, titled "Atlanta lures young Canadians" explores the reasons why the 25-year-old Haliburton native is now working for CNN in Atlanta, Georgia. The story begins: "When Jeff Stamp moved to the United States two years ago, he left behind family and friends for a career he couldn't have at home. As an editorial assistant for CBC's The National in Toronto, Mr. Stamp found his career clouded by cuts and competition for scarce work with more experienced employees.... 'I can't really say the streets (of Atlanta) are paved with gold, but the economy here is so much stronger and anything is achievable if you work hard. I only wish this type of opportunity presented itself in Canada.'" Later, the article says "Mr. Stamp probably wouldn't return to Canada even if he had a serious job offer because of the career mobility he'd be giving up in the U.S.. Still, he has reservations. 'I miss the outdoors and I miss the hockey. I came from a big hockey family.'" Jeff is the son of Derrell and Kim Stamp of Haliburton.

This is the most vital fundraising time of year for the Lung Association, and with the postal strike, it threatens to be one of the most difficult. The Christmas Seals campaign encourages people not to rely on the mail to remember the importance of the association's work. You can call the Lung Association's toll-free number, 1-800-668-7682 to make your donation by credit card or drop off donations at any Royal Bank branch. Every dollar received is crucial for running the association's programs and services.

Do Santa's elves wear life jackets when they canoe? Find out at the Canadian Canoe Museum open house on December 6, 7, 13 and 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Peterborough. This new national museum invites people to celebrate the season by meeting artists, artisans and authors who share the love of the outdoors and canoeing. Call 705-748-9153 for more information.

The Famous People Players will be bringing their magical performance to Peterborough on December 27 as a fundraiser for the Trent Valley Literacy Association. Luckily, there will be three performances on the same day at Showplace Peterborough: 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.. Tickets are available by calling 705-742-7469 and are priced from $13 to $20. (Stocking stuffer anyone?)

Contest continues to find name for new school board

There's still time to enter the contest to name the new school board that will oversee education in Haliburton County, Victoria County and Muskoka.

The board's official name is District School Board 15, but members of the committee helping to merge the three school systems are hoping to come up with a name that better represents the area.

The contest is open to all students, parents, county residents and school board employees.

Submissions should be dropped off at county schools by the end of the month. When the postal strike ends, they can also be mailed to: District School Board 15, P.O. Box 420, Lindsay. Ont. K9V 4S3.

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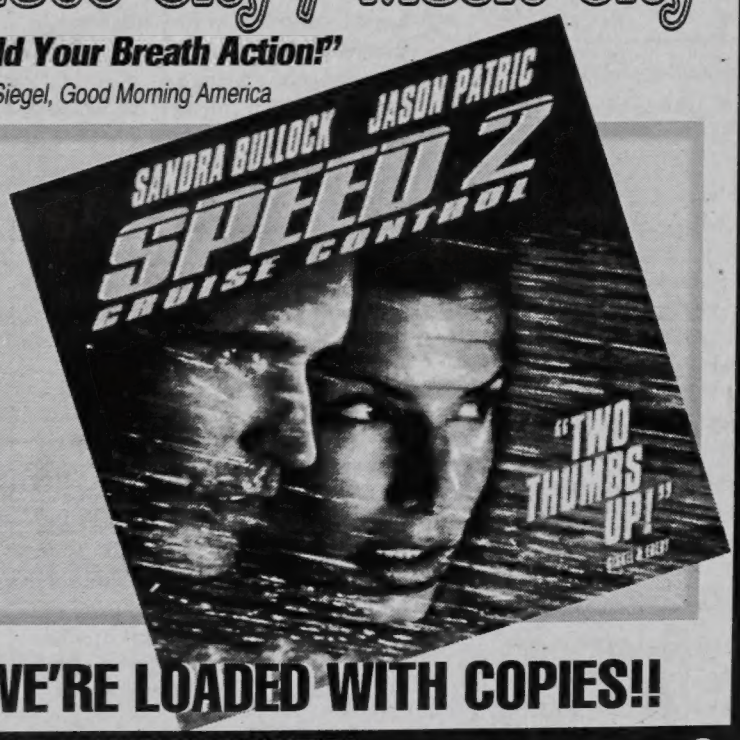

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Memories of Bob Sisson to live on in new theatre at high school

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Memories of late teenager Bob Sisson will continue to live on through a number of tributes presented last week at Haliburton's high school, where he played such a vibrant role in school life.

The popular 18-year-old from West Guilford had already established himself as a promising actor and musician when he was killed in a tragic car accident on August 9.

Sisson's parents, Martin and Vicki, and his younger sister, Mary, joined students and teachers at the high school Tuesday afternoon for a touching assembly as a memorial portrait of the teen was unveiled by its artist, OAC student Caitlin Pettit.

The water colour painting, called "The Many Faces of Bob Sisson," includes three portraits of Sisson in different poses, including one from his well-remembered performance as the king in the school's production of The Ugly Duckling last December.

Principal Gary Brohman said the painting will hang in the school gym that now serves as an auditorium for musical and theatrical productions and that is proposed to be converted into a proper theatre.

It's fitting that the painting be kept as a memorial where Sisson entertained audiences so often with his performances on stage and "where he was so wonderful," he said.

Brohman noted that Pettit was quick to take of the substantial challenge of trying to capture Sisson's spirit in the painting and complimented her on doing such a fine job. "It's magnificent. Just absolutely magnificent."

Sisson will be remembered by the school in other ways, as well.

Brohman announced an annual bursary that will be handed out in the teen's name to a graduating student moving on to post secondary education who has made a significant contribution to the arts, drama and music.

The Sissons said they'd be proud to present the bursary for the first time at next year's honours and awards ceremony.

A TRIBUTE: Rev. Christopher Greaves, principal Gary Brohman, mother Vicki Sisson, artist Caitlin Pettit, father Marty Sisson and sister Mary took part in the unveiling of portraits of the late Bob Sisson.

And the Student Activity Committee plans to ensure Bob's memory is front and centre at all performances in the new theatre to be built at the school.

As part of the fundraising drive to construct the theatre, all of its seats will be offered up in a "seat sale.".

Bryn Gray, SAC co-chair, told the assembly that the committee has guaranteed the front row, centre seat will be purchased in Sisson's name and dedicated to him.

In a statement read by the school's principal, Mr. and Mrs. Sisson expressed their thanks.

"We would like to thank everyone who donated to Ontario Students Against Impaired Drivers and contributed to the bursary fund for making this possible. Thanks to Caitlin for her special tribute to Bob. It means a great deal to us.

"Most of all, we would like to thank everyone here at the school — students, teachers, all of the staff, Mrs. Obee and Mr. Brohman. And so many in the community whose support and encouragement allowed Bob to express himself so freely in so many ways and gave us so many opportunities to watch him perform. They are all wonderful memories that we cherish."

During the assembly student Katie Campbell read a poem she dedicated to Sisson and Rev. Christopher Greaves led the audience in a short prayer.

As they left the gym, students and teachers stopped to admire the portrait Pettit painted of Sisson, many of them wiping away tears and comforting each other.

Lakeside Baptist Church expresses interest in sharing HHSS theatre space for services

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A proposed theatre at Haliburton's high school may well end up serving a dual role as a venue for the performing arts and a place of religious worship.

Lakeside Baptist Church is eyeing plans for the theatre as a solution to the space squeeze it's feeling at its Park St. building in Haliburton.

And a potential financial commitment by the church could go a long way to help the committee of community members trying to raise $220,000 to build the theatre meet its target.

Pastor Brian Plouffe told trustees at a meeting Tuesday that the church would consider contributing $25,000 it has in a building fund toward the theatre's construction in return for a long-term agreement — up to 25 years — to use the facility for Sunday morning services.

Plouffe said he recognizes the church may have to negotiate a weekly user fee to be paid to the board by the church on top of its construction donation.

Using the theatre as a place of worship would be a more economic way for the church to solve its space needs, he said.

On Sundays both of the services offered by Lakeside Baptist Church are "overflowing" with about 120 people, said Plouffe.

The church has looked at constructing a new building for a congregation of 250, but the $500,000 price-tag would be a "big financial drain," he told trustees.

"We want to put our resources into people, not into buildings."

The high school theatre may be large enough to accommodate the full congregation at one service. But if necessary, two services could be offered.

Education director Brad Saunders noted that in other areas of the province it's common for churches to rent school facilities from boards.

Rev. Plouffe said the proposal is at a preliminary stage and needs to be discussed in further detail with the Baptist diocese and the church congregation.

The committee raising funds to build the theatre supports the proposal, he said.

Board members pointed out that it will be up to the new district school board that takes power in January to approve the plan, but they passed a motion supporting it in principle.

Dysart trustee Chip Trueman called the proposal "refreshing" and said it would assist fundraising efforts to build the theatre.

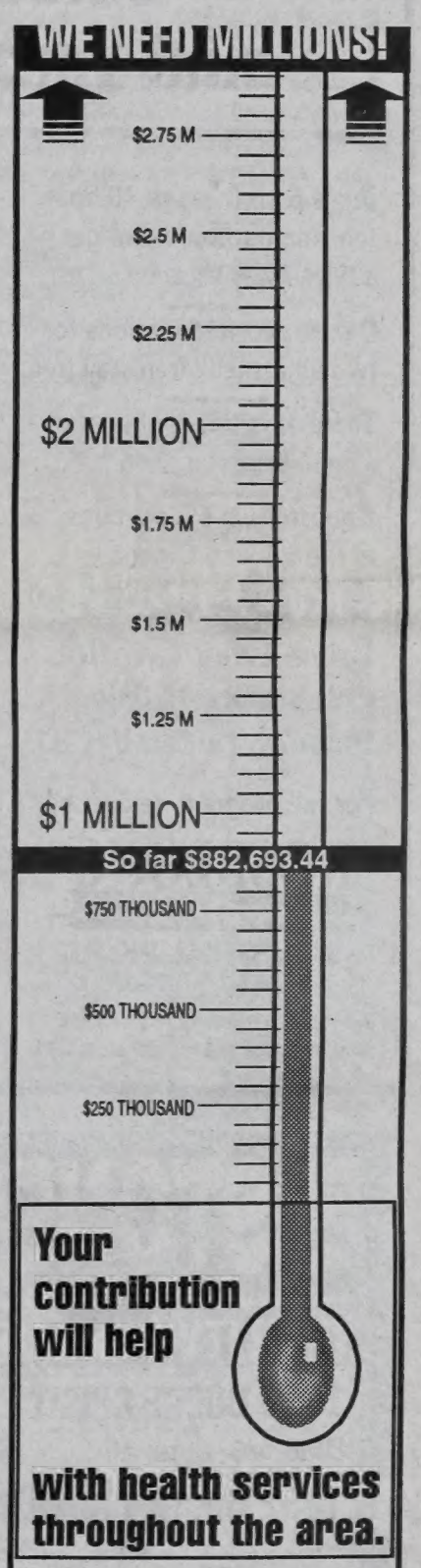
Minden trustee Wendy Ladurantaye agreed. "I like to see communities working with communities and this is another example of that."

"I'm excited," said Plouffe. "I believe in using resources wisely. I see this as maybe a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get this theatre built."

The Performing Arts Fundraising Committee, which is organizing the effort to build the theatre, is hoping to raise $220,000 by May so that construction can be carried out as part of the high school's expansion.

If the high school gym set aside for the theatre can't be converted while renovations are underway, construction costs would go up significantly.

As part of its fundraising effort, the committee is holding a seat sale. Businesses, organizations and individuals who "buy" seats, will be recognized for their donation. Most of the seats in the house are selling for donations of $750 each. Some at the very front, which the committee hopes to sell to corporations and large groups, are being offered to those who donate $5,000.



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Saunders plans to resign, not retire

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Kernohan, who read it to the board.

In a later interview, Saunders said he was surprised at how difficult it was for him to make the announcement.

"Every person who I've met in education has a passion for this business of ours, and I personally found it more emotional than I had thought to announce my separation from this profession for which I feel so passionately."

But the decision itself to resign was more clear cut.

Saunders, 56, became eligible to retire in September after nearly 34 years in education.

He said he began to ponder stepping down nearly two years ago when the provincial government first announced plans to reduce the number of school boards through amalgamations.

And as the three area boards began working out the finer details of merging their systems, he became more resolved about the idea.

"In part the issue that's driving my decision is the amalgamation of the boards. There's not room for three directors and I think it's only fair, in my mind, that the person who becomes the director should be able to make a commitment of five years. I wasn't able to do that."

While excited by the challenges of amalgamating the boards, Saunders said the reality of situation — spending many late nights driving long distances on snowy roads from meeting to meeting, along with the stress of making high-pressure decisions — was less appealing.

Board chair Murdoch, who will represent Haliburton County on the new board, said she understands Saunders' decision, but regrets he'll be leaving.

"I would have very much like it if he had stayed. He has been an excellent director and he's done very good work for us over the past six and a half years. It's very hard to lose someone of that calibre."

Saunders started his education career in 1964 teaching in his home town of Windsor for one year. He then spent 10 years teaching at schools in the Niagara area before moving north to Dryden for a job as vice-principal. From there served as a principal for 10 years in Fort Frances prior to moving into administration as a superintendent of education for the Nippising Board of Education in North Bay.

He is just the third education director to lead Haliburton's board since it was formed in 1969, following in the footsteps of J. Douglas Hodgson and the late Stuart Baker.

"When I inherited the board from Doug Hodgson and Stuart Baker, I inherited a system that was already in excellent shape. Fundamentally, my job was to ensure that I didn't drop the ball," said Saunders. "... I would like to hope in my watch, as they say in the military, that good things continued to happen, that we've done some creative things and stayed current, in terms of technology."

Murdoch praised the role Saunders played in helping to provide top quality education in the county.

"He was the first director the board hired from outside the county so he came into a situation where it could have gone well or it might not have worked so well. But he made it a very positive situation and was very successful."

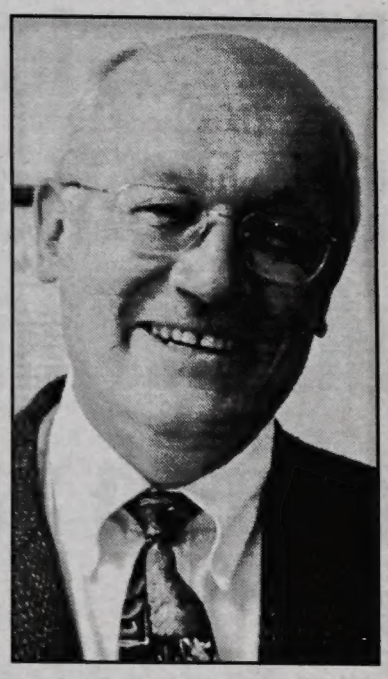
Saunders said he will miss the people he works with on a daily basis when he resigns.

"We are a people business, and there's still nothing more gratifying to me than watching a good teacher at work. It's truly a magical process to watch a good teacher engaging their students."

Saunders said he's confident the board is in good shape as it moves toward amalgamation with the boards in Muskoka and Victoria County.

He's particularly glad that construction has finally begun on the high school addition and plans are moving forward for Haliburton's new primary school.

While Saunders is resigning from the board, he doesn't plan to fully retire.



Brad Saunders

He's even considering a return to the classroom — only this time he would be the student.

"I've always had a hankering to go to law school, so I may try that," he said.

He's also planning to offer his services to the Education Improvement Commission as a mediator to help school boards through the transition as they amalgamate.

"I'm endlessly curious. For me to sit around is not an option."

Exam days reduced at HHSS

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count on it," Robinson said at a meeting last Tuesday.

Trustees endorsed the new school calendar, but it needs to be approved by the Ministry of Education before it can be considered final.

Education Minister Dave Johnson recommended in a letter to all boards that they try to make up for the 10 class days missed during the strike by reducing PA days and exam periods.

He said boards should attempt to "minimize disruption to parents" and ensure students are able to complete the entire curriculum.

Robinson told trustees it is more difficult to make up class time on the elementary school calendar since there are no exam periods at that level that can be adjusted.

At HHSS, the board plans to reduce the 13 days originally set aside for exams in the first and second semesters to 10 days combined.

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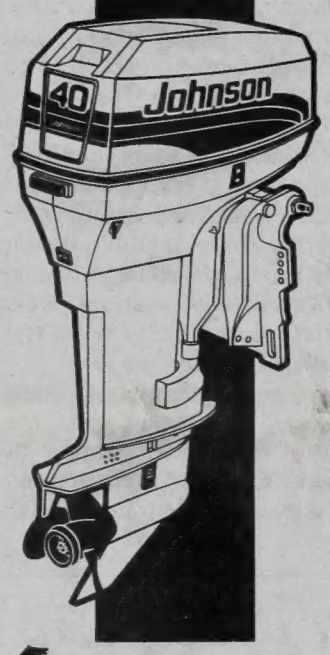

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SWEET SONGS: The Haliburton Messiah Choir entertained audiences in Haliburton and Minden with an evening of music by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The choir was accompanied by Wayne Cooper, above, and the Highlands' Brass, below. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

School board goes out with scarcely a whimper

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The final meeting of Haliburton's school board went by Tuesday night with scarcely a whimper, let alone a big bang.

Board chair Cheryl Murdoch briefly acknowledged that trustees were assembled for their last official meeting before the board is dissolved at the end of the month and replaced by a district board for Haliburton, Victoria County and Muskoka.

But the closest thing to fanfare to mark the occasion was provided by parents Anne Creelman and Jackie Mayhew, who thanked trustees and administrators for their efforts over the years and presented them with a home-made cake.

The pair, both members of the Victoria Street School Council, have spent many nights at school board meetings — often as the only audience members — as they pushed for various causes, including the construction of the new primary school to replace VSS.

Creelman told board members that she and Mayhew have appreciated being able to speak about their concerns with "real people" who genuinely care about education and the county's students.

"After watching (you) over the past four years, we have come to appreciate that the decisions the board made were often difficult and not always popular, but were nevertheless necessary to ensure quality education in Haliburton County," said Creelman.

On behalf of the VSS school council, she thanked the trustees and board administrators for their "time, energy and sense of responsibility" to the students.

"Your contribution to the education of our children has been valued and appreciated more than any of you will ever know."

Cheryl Murdoch, who will represent Haliburton County on the new district school board, thanked her colleagues for their assistance and said that serving as the chair of the board has been her "fondest memory."

While the new board doesn't take power until January 1, it was to meet informally yesterday and may hold its inaugural meeting on December 15, said Murdoch.

She explained that the Education Improvement Commission has said new boards can hold an initial meeting prior to their take-over date in order to take care of initial house-keeping matters that would be ratified in January.

Rather than saying their good-byes at last week's final meeting, it appears trustees and administrators were saving them for the board's Christmas dinner next week.

Education director Brad Saunders asked each board member to think of one humorous anecdote they could tell at the dinner.

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HAVE hopes new volunteers will help continue its efforts

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ing through HAVE and CIDA (which used to match funds at a ratio of 3:1) has provided 59 fully operational bore wells to about 2,500 families, or about 15,000 persons," Feltham says. "They are getting an abundance of pure drinking, household water for the first time in their lives."

Of the 13 wells he saw, all were fully functional except one, which was later repaired.

Other previously funded projects at a health centre have been scaled down because of lack of sufficient financing. It is hoped, however, that HAVE can fund another three or four wells in the area.

• Rural districts outside of Hyderabad: "Over 13 years, HAVE and CIDA have funded at least 40 fully functioning bore wells in numerous villages in Andra Pradesh state. Approximately 2,000 families or 10,000 persons are now receiving potable wells," Feltham reported. Again, of the 13 wells he saw, only one wasn't operational, but it too was later fixed.

HAVE also helped to fund a jeep in the area. The jeep is running well, but unfortunately, a lot of the projects it was intended to oversee do not have enough money to run satisfactorily.

• Sermey Monastery, near Mysore: "David Blackham, the master driller and director of WORD Mission, accompanied me to the Sermey Monastery, serving hundreds of Buddhist monks and thousands of other Tibetan refugees. About one year ago, HAVE provided the monastery with a bore well, to add to an existing, fully operational one. (Money came primarily from Mr. Vinh Lee and his friends.) The plan is, if and when money is available, to supply an electric pump to move the water to an existing overhead storage tank. According to our assessment, and the monastery's request, another two wells are necessary to meet the big demand."

Meanwhile, HAVE was able to extricate itself from a rather messy financial situation thanks to the efforts of a woman called Pramie Yip, whose husband is the CIDA representative in the Gambia. HAVE had given money to the man who ran the Methodist book store in the Gambia to buy books for school children, as one of the late Clarence McInerney's projects. The books never showed up, and eventually, the man disappeared too, with HAVE's money. This was the first time HAVE had found itself in such a situation.

"He was a real con artist and Pramie Yip literally hounded him" until the money was returned, Lon Duncombe reported.

"Wherever this man is, Clarence will be smiling," responded outgoing HAVE chairperson Kathy Sweeney. "We'd given up on being able to resolve the problem, and so had CIDA. I'm sure CIDA will be shocked."

Commenting on the achievements of HAVE, Sweeney says many people are amazed at what the strictly volunteer agency has been able to achieve since its inception in 1982. "As a rule, people are overwhelmed when they see the level of volunteerism."

For instance, other agencies have staff to oversee projects. Feltham's trip to India was entirely self-funded, and other HAVE members have also volunteered to monitor projects during their travels.

HAVE suffered a major setback two years ago when CIDA changed its funding rules, basically leaving HAVE out in the cold when it came to being eligible for matching dollars, even on a 1:1 ratio. Progress has been made since then, but HAVE's dollars still do not go as far as they used to.

The group is also suffering for a shortage of volunteers, to help with such things as correspondence and fundraising. It hopes to be able to continue with established projects as well as start new ones, so new members are always welcome and appreciated.

"There are people out there who are willing to give, we just need a strong enough base of volunteers," said Feltham.

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Health board waits for restructuring report

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday night's meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board at PineStone.

Major decisions are on hold until the Health Services Restructuring Commission responds to the board's submission on local operations.

"Until we get their blessing, it will be hard to proceed at full top speed," chairman Hugh Nichol says. "We want an early and timely release of its recommendations about this area."

In mid-December, the commission is reviewing this health district, which includes Peterborough with its two hospitals, and Cobourg and Port Hope, which are locked in a legal battle about the future of their individual hospitals. Given these major issues to the south, the health board does not feel the commission will spend much of its focus on the Highlands.

Although the Ministry of Health has given its approval to the board's functional plan for its capital and operational projects, the commission has the right to supersede the Ministry's decisions. However, the board is fairly confident the commission report will not contain any unwelcome surprises.

In his report to the commission, the HHHS's executive director, Foster Loucks, stressed that the local board is already fulfilling many of the commission's goals of integrated and comprehensive health services. "We have a lot to be positive about what we're achieving," said Nichol.

Once the commission gives the HHHS the green light to proceed, Nichol said there are two major issues: how it will borrow the money to pay for the capital building costs, and how that borrowing will be financed.

CONSUMER'S CHOICE: Ken Evans, president of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, left, and Paul Prentice of Prentice-Berry in Minden, right, were pleased to present Doug Wright of Port Perry with a '98 SkiDoo MXC 670. Wright, who won the HCSA's annual Consumer's Choice raffle, chose the Prentice-Berry sled.

Homemaking

Community Care Victoria County is making a bid to the provide homemaking services within the three-county area served by the district's Access Centre and wants to know if the health board is interested in becoming a partner.

Reaction was mixed, but the board did decide to be named as a partner on the application subject to a lot of the details being worked out and approved should CCVC be successful.

Leading the yes side was David Coulson, who says homemaking services are part of the board's mandate and felt the board had nothing to lose in forming a partnership, which he sees as a subcontract.

At present, the Red Cross provides most homemaking services in the county. Elva Bates said that with all the discussions about the Red Cross's continuation of the service, "it might be prudent (for the board) to ensure service in this county."

Nichol was less enthusiastic, saying "I don't see this as a great opportunity... Our primary function is to get construction done and I don't want to spread Foster too thin." Dr. Aoife Conway said "I don't understand the advantages of the board becoming involved in homemaking services."

Because of approaching application deadlines, the board did agree to be named on CCVC's application with the understanding that this was support in principle, not a binding arrangement.

"Super bugs"

The Haliburton Hospital is taking preventative measures to help avoid the arrival of so-called "super infections".

With a heavier use of antibiotics has come new strains of drug-resistant causes of infection. These infections have cost untold thousands of dollars to control at larger hospitals.

Dr. Conway said the hospital is "implementing infection control guidelines for patients being transferred to the hospital so we can identify and treat them quickly. This will involve increased lab costs but it's felt with super bugs, it's worth it because the cost to treatment is very expensive."

Hospital care

Dr. Conway reported that the doctors are also instituting a new procedure about the length of patient stays at Haliburton Hospital. Now, when a patient is admitted, the doctor writes down how long the patient is expected to stay in hospital. Then it will be recorded when the patient leaves, and discrepancies will be noted. Then, the doctors will use the information to try to understand why there are any discrepancies. Potential problems may be not being able to find placement for a patient elsewhere or not having the medication that's needed.

Finance

Although a $75,000 deficit is still expected, the finance committee, with the help of bookkeeper Cathy Outram, is doing an admirable job in finding cost savings, Nichol reported. Every month, the board is able to find ways to either cut $3,000 to $5,000 from costs, or find more money in revenues.

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Monmounth council strained

by KERRY RILEY

The following is a brief summary of the proceedings of the Monmouth Council meeting, held November 17.

A perhaps understandably strained atmosphere prevailed as the outgoing Monmouth Council convened its first meeting since the municipal elections earlier this month. Deputy-reeve Wren Hughes, who unsuccessfully challenged Keith Tallman for the position of reeve, had, in the dying days of the campaign, indirectly accused Reeve Tallman of dictatorial leadership and implied that important council decisions (including tendering) were made without proper group consultation. Exchanges between the two men remained civil, but the tension was obvious.

Thanks, but no thanks

A plan to resurrect an appreciation dinner to honour volunteers has turned controversial. In the past, the township had sponsored an annual dinner for the volunteer fire department, the recreation committee, council and staff. It was discontinued due to lack of funds, but there were hopes that it might be resurrected again this year. However, reports of grumbling from other volunteers raised the concern that resentment would be generated amongst those not included.

Reeve Tallman felt that something should be done for the firemen, saying that they were the only unpaid fire department left in the county, and that their contribution in terms of time and commitment was clearly in a class by itself. He also said that council has been very supportive of all the volunteers in the community, providing half-price ice-time to minor hockey and figure skating, and making the Lloyd Watson Centre available free of charge to any volunteer group that wishes to use it.

The possibility of an honorarium for the firemen was raised, but it seemed that the same dangers inherent in the dinner, lurked within an honorarium as well. In the end, council reluctantly agreed that the only course available was to shelve plans for any gesture of appreciation.

Road maintenance

Although there were only one or two reported complaints about road conditions as a result of recent snowstorms, council was anxious to hear from Roads Superintendent Barry Dunford about his department's experiences upholding the terms of the new winter roads maintenance agreement with the county. One or two councillors reported experiencing difficult conditions.

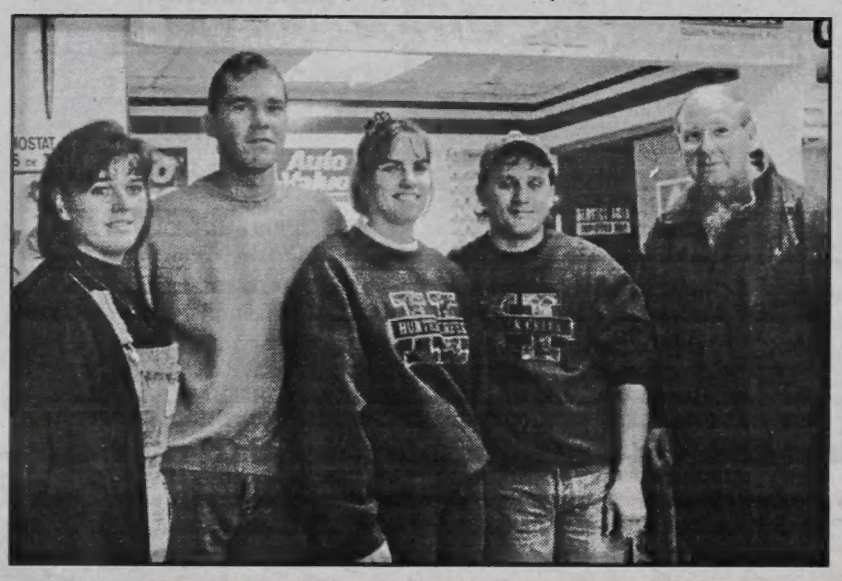
Dunford explained that the bad roads were a reflection of an unusual combination of deep snow and mild weather and an early morning snowfall, and did not indicate any drop in the level of service compared to that previously provided by the county.

Snowploughing

The reading of auxiliary snowploughing tenders, scheduled for the meeting, was deferred because, as of the 4:00 pm deadline, only one had been received. Council extended the deadline.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

NEW LOCATION: H & R Block and Central Office Services and Supplies is now in the space formerly occupied by Halco Electronics in Haliburton (next door to Dr. Benoit's optometry clinic.) As well as providing assistance for income tax, accounting and financial planning, the Irvine family's business also stocks computer supplies, typewriters and calculators, furniture and a wide selection of office supplies. Taking part in the ribbon cutting were Carol Dewey representing the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, H & R Block's Chad Irvine holding his camera-shy daughter Samantha, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, Betty Irvine, a certified financial planner, Chuck Irvine, who focuses on the retail side of the business, and income tax preparer Esther Sipe.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Cousins Dan Gainforth and Chris Coumbs have combined their experience to open D/C Automotive in the same building as Shamrock Shell on main street Haliburton. Their business features a full line of automotive replacement parts, custom accessories, logging accessories, snowmobile parts and marine products. The buying group is Auto Value. Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, right, welcomed the new business to Haliburton: Melinda and Chris Coumbs, Karen Smith and Dan Gainforth.

Province funds diabetes education program through local health board

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The provincial government will fund a new diabetes education program to help the county prevent and cope with the sometimes life-threatening disease.

The $38,350 grant is part of the Ministry of Health's reinvestment plan, as well as its three-year, $5.6-million strategy to combat diabetes.

"We're really pleased to see this happening. It's something we've needed for a long time," says Dr. Aoife Conway, who represents Haliburton doctors on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

Previously, people with diabetes had to travel to five-day course in either Peterborough or Huntsville to learn how to modify their habits as a way of overall treatment and "I don't know anyone who went."

With these funds, the HHHS will work with local dietician Rosie Kadwell to help people cope with the disease and its debilitating implications.

In Ontario, it is estimated that diabetes is responsible for 25% of cardiac surgery, 50% of heart attacks, 70% of strokes, 50% of non-traumatic amputations, 55% of new blindness and 33% of dialysis care.

"With no known cure for diabetes, education is essential to controlling it," said Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer.

"Creating programs like these to inform and educate people about diabetes helps prevent needless suffering," says MPP Chris Hodgson. "The government is committed to ensuring that each and every Ontarian can access the health services they need at each stage of their lives. Preventative programs like these are an essential part of that vision."

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Loggers form group to stress sustainable forestry

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Many local loggers are taking a new approach to their work that will help preserve one of the Highlands' greatest natural resources at the same time as it ensures they can continue cutting a living from the forests.

Nearly 45 independent logging companies which traditionally work exclusively on private lands have formed an association dedicated to sustainable forestry.

Members of the fledgling group, called the Haliburton Highlands Sustainable Forestry Association, have learned that by improving their logging practices they can enhance the health of the forests and ensure the success of one of the county's most important industries.

In part the decision to organize was made in response to logging changes introduced by the Ministry of Natural Resources last spring.

The stripped-down MNR no longer has the staff of the resources to manage the county's Crown land forests.

Instead, it has handed over those responsibilities — along with exclusive cutting rights — to a select group of local logging companies that had previously held contracts on the land.

The partners formed a new company called Minden District Forestry Services to carry out all the jobs previously performed by the MNR on the Crown cut — including site preparation, tree marking and reforestation — at its own expense.

But private-land loggers worried the new company would need to begin offering its forest management services to private property owners in order to cover its high operating costs.

Many of them felt the only way to stay on an equal footing would be to learn more about sustainable forestry and offer all the same services as the companies sharing the Crown cut.

"Those guys had an opportunity to educate themselves, so we thought we better get ourselves up to speed on sustainable logging also," said association member Larry Hewitt.

Already members of the association have taken part in two workshops. The first, on the importance of sustainable logging, was organized by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council at the Frost Centre. At the second, which focused on preventing damage to the forest when removing trees, they were joined by members of the Crown cut partnership.

Though it initially costs more to log in a sustainable manner than it does to simply cut "the cream of the crop," a long-term management plan ensures the same piece of land will continue to yield good quality wood many times over, said Hewitt.

He noted that the county's recent Strategic Plan recognizes the importance of the forestry industry to the local economy and places a high priority on sustainable logging practices.

Should the county follow up on the plan by enforcing its tree-cutting bylaw more stringently, the association's members will be in a good position, he said.

The association has already lined up its first customer, winning a contract to provide Domtar in Trenton with low-grade wood for chip wood.

While the contract isn't very large, it's a start.

"We're trying to find ways to generate a market for our low-end material that can be used for things like chip wood, fire wood or fibre board," said Hewitt.

Further information abut the association can be obtained by calling committee chairman Barry Boice at 754-1562 or Larry Hewitt at 457-1386.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS: Marie and Chris Hodgson, the riding's MPP and the chairman of the province's management board, and their children – Charlotte, Caroline, Cody and Clayton – welcomed about 100 people to their annual Christmas open house at the Wigamog Inn on Sunday afternoon.

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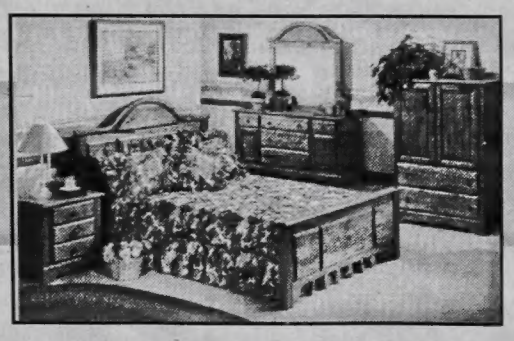

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Editorial

Beauty in simplicity

IT IS SUCH A SIMPLE PREMISE: People who are blessed to be living in an area abundant with beautiful lakes raise money to ensure that people who have to walk miles every day to get clean water have a plentiful source closer to home. They do this through Help A Village Effort, which since its inception in 1982, has raised enough money to dig wells in dozens of communities in developing countries. One well at a time, one village at a time, HAVE has been able to have an incredible impact on the lives of some of the world's poorest of the poor. Not only have the wells made these people's lives so much less onerous, but the clean water has helped control the spread of disease and illness, probably saving countless of lives. Isn't that an incredible feat – saving lives – for a group with such a simple foundation?

It is the very simplicity of HAVE's goal which has given the group its public grace, so to speak. Year after year, people have openly and generously supported HAVE's fundraisers such as the Walk for Water and talent nights. And yet it is the same simplicity which threatens to undermine the group's future. HAVE's aims are so basic, and its achievements so small on a global scale, that people have tended to overlook it these past few years. It's just always been there, with little fanfare, and certainly with none of the glamour of celebrity support which has helped promote the image of other groups helping the poor.

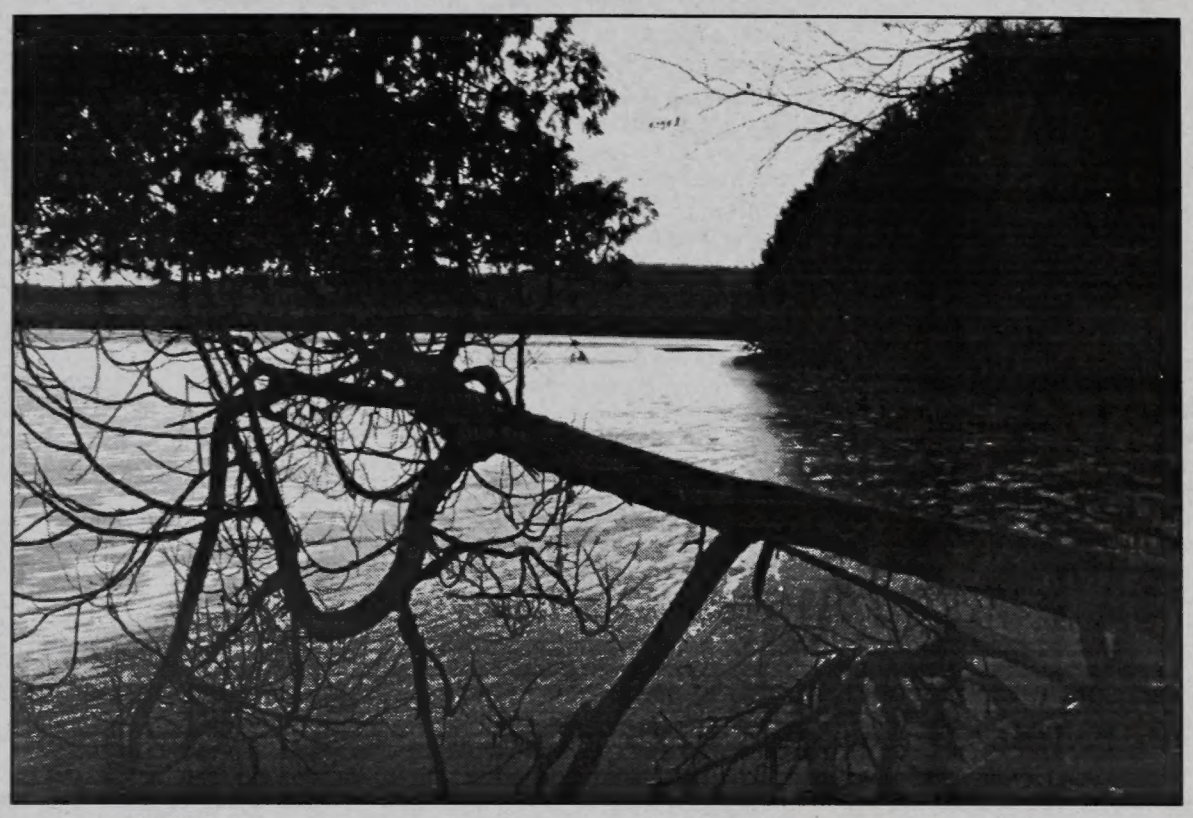
Last Thursday's annual general meeting of HAVE was one of those unexpected reminders of why it's so important to guarantee its future existence. Gerry Feltham, one of the group's founding members and a man who has often put the needs of others ahead of his own, outlined his observations during a recent trip to India. He monitored some of the wells HAVE has funded, and reported that only two weren't working at the time, and those were being repaired. There were none of the horror stories about goodwill ventures gone bad because the recipients did not have the skills or equipment to keep the donation in good working order. Instead, HAVE had funded projects which were practical and quite literally down to earth. Instead of one or two big projects with lots of fanfare, it has funded dozens of small ones with lots of humbleness.

He also talked about hoping to fund two new wells at a Buddhist monastery which serves 3,000 people, including Tibetan refugees. As people who follow the movies know, Tibet is a very hot (aka) sexy cause now that Brad Pitt is starring in a movie of the same theme. Some of the people who protested the Chinese prime minister's visit to Canada last week did so because of China's invasion of Tibet and the forced exile of the Dalai Lama.

Now, members of HAVE probably have very strong political beliefs, but HAVE itself is non-political and never tries to push a political point of view. Instead of protesting, it is trying to do something very concrete to help Tibetan refugees by trying to ensure they stay healthy because of having clean water to drink. In doing so, it doesn't make any point other than as human beings, we should reach out to help other human beings who are suffering. Suffering is suffering, no matter what flag or political banner is draped around the victim.

It's that whole thing about faith in action and not just in words. Or, to put it in modern advertising lingo, HAVE talks the talk but it also walks the walk.

One has to respect HAVE and the volunteers who have quietly worked behind the scenes to continue meeting the organizations simple goals. For people like Gerry Feltham, who has seen what it's like to have to live in such poverty, there are very deep, heartfelt reasons for being involved. For others in the community, those who appreciate their creature comforts, there is also a realization that we who are so blessed to live in the land of plentiful water have a obligation, moral or social, to reach out to others born half a world away in a land without lakes. Thanks to HAVE, we have a gentle and subtle reminder of that obligation. **M.P.**



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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

Aren't we something?

As Ontarians, a little over two years ago we were gearing up to find the best representative we could for our constituency. A lot of work and dollars and commitment by Victoria and Haliburton people we now have a fine representative who has worked hard and risen to the top, giving this community many benefits and positive representation.

Our representative has advised that he supported the Common Sense Revolution. We bought into that on the basis that it was a document that would improve many phases of life that were lacking. Now, however, it appears there will be a movement by the teachers to oust our legislators. Does that mean that the teachers unions and members of 126,000 people will be a force to throw out what millions of us thought was going to be good government?

And who tells these teachers what to do? It is my belief that the unions have been in power for so long and dictated to the membership, that the members would not oppose their unions even to aim for better education.

"Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely" as the saying goes and having had some experience with O.S.S.T.F. in the past, they do have that kind of power.

Should our legislators get too far out of line, they will be gone, and should be, but we will continue to have the same unions with us.

When one reasons that over 60% of our taxes go toward education, we should have the best educational system in Canada, as we used to have. Other provinces have recognized their educational shortcomings and have corrected them. Why not Ontario?

Isn't it a shame that we are getting the kind of government we wanted and now a minority are suggesting they have the wrong direction? Even when we have a government that has the courage to tackle tough issues, we neglect to support them at least until they can prove themselves.

Oh well, maybe we can find another government to give us better – I think not!

My gratitude to Mr. Chris Hodgson and his colleagues for staying the course.

Dick Thompson
Halls Lake

Education taxes were meant for children, not teachers' retirement

To the Editor:

Some correspondence you received from a Ken McClennan (retired) of Newmarket published in The Echo November 18 only serves to exemplify several points from my previous letter.

He admits that he took $40,000 out of the children's pockets upon his retirement from the R.C.S.S. of East Gwillimbury. That $40,000 was paid by parents and others for the education of children, not for his (and their) personal comfort upon retirement.

He says his daughter "deprived herself" of at least $5,000 gross pay while on strike. She struck for two weeks. That means she must be making $2,500 gross a week or $10,000 a month or up to $120,000 a year. I'll bet you any money that there aren't enough text books to go around where she teaches (the situation here in Haliburton County), they have hundreds of students being educated in portables (as we do in Haliburton

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Dispelling the myths regarding Bill 160

MPP QUEEN'S PARK REPORT

Chris Hodgson

IN RECENT WEEKS, I have spoken with a number of teachers and parents about Bill 160, the Education Quality Improvement Act.

In general terms, the bill's goals are clear – to improve education in Ontario. We must fix the system so Ontario's students have the opportunity to become the best students in Canada.

Unfortunately, I have found there are a number of myths about Bill 160. It's time these myths were dispelled.

Myth: Bill 160 is about cutting costs.

Reality: That is nonsense. The Ontario government doesn't need Bill 160 to find savings – we could simply slash transfers, as the federal Liberals slashed their education transfers to the provinces.

What Bill 160 will do is ensure that the money we spend on education goes into the classroom, rather than unnecessary administration.

Myth: Bill 160 is a power grab.

Reality: Education reform concentrates more power where it matters most – at your local school. We will establish school councils at every school, where they will provide an essential advisory role.

Bill 160 gives the province more responsibility for school funding. This means we will ensure equity of funding – we will put the needed dollars into our schools in Victoria-Haliburton, so that our students will get the same education as students in Toronto and across the province.

Myth: Bill 160 says nothing about "students".

Reality: That's silly. It is true the word "student" isn't used in Bill 160 – that's because the legal word is "pupil". And for the record, the word "pupil" appears 244 times.

Myth: Bill 160 is dictatorial.

Reality: Bill 160 is consistent with most of the legislation passed in Canada in the 20th Century.

For example, critics have complained about a provision that allows the government to fire "officers" and "employees" of school boards if the board has been financially mismanaged. The critics say this is a new, sweeping power.

In fact, this section of Bill 160 was lifted from the Municipal Act, amended in 1935. The wording applies to both municipalities and school boards because they are forbidden by the Municipal Act from running deficits. This provision has only been used once, in a case of gross mismanagement.

I hope this helps to clarify the details of Bill 160. I will try to address other concerns in upcoming columns.

Pic of the Past

This photo, from the Hoxie collection, was taken just before the sod-turning ceremony for the construction of the new St. George's Anglican Chruch in the early 1920s. From left are: George Bemister, Mrs. Rev. Whaltham, Bishop Sweeney and Rev. Whaltham.

Despite challenges, HAVE brings water to impoverished towns one drop at a time

The following are the Chairperson's remarks of the HAVE Annual General Meeting, Nov. 27:

This past year, Help a Village Effort has continued along a path of transition which was dramatically kick-started with the changes announced by our Federal government in respect to funding small non-governmental organization's such as ours.

Our year-end treasury report will reflect that we received no government grants this past year. Our revenue, otherwise, stayed pretty consistent with the previous year. This points to the efforts of all HAVE volunteers and, once again, I have experienced a sense of honour in being associated with a group of such dedicated people.

We were fortunate to have one of our members, Gerry Feltham, travel to India this past winter and spend some time with our project partners there. This kind of direct communication with our partners is invaluable and the insights which can be brought back to our community are incredible. I commend Gerry for his passion and ceaseless effort in dealing with the problems of those who are much less fortunate than we are.

As we look forward to possibilities for HAVE future endeavours, I am comforted by the fact that it appears we have a sufficient fundraising base to allow for drilling of new wells in coming years, albeit on a much smaller scale.

On a sadder note, this past year we experienced a tremendous loss with the passing of two very dedicated HAVE volunteers, Clarence McInerney and Fred Elson. Their contributions will be remembered for generations to come and will serve as a tribute to volunteerism not only here in Haliburton County but also in The Gambia and in India, where their efforts have resulted in an opportunity for growth among people who desperately needed a helping hand.

It is only natural that volunteers on HAVE's management committee will come and go to mark the transitions in their own lives and yet it is remarkable that in spite of this turnover, we have always had a strong volunteer effort to manage the administrative affairs of HAVE.

I have heard it said that one drop of water can create a ripple effect which has implications far beyond our comprehension. I believe it is important for us to continue to focus on the benefits fresh water can bring to our global community, one drop at a time. HAVE's grassroots operation so far has touched so many lives with such a positive result that it is incomprehensible that HAVE should be unable to continue its work. I believe that the volunteer spirit within our community is growing rather than weakening and that this will be reflected in ongoing support for HAVE.

Kathy Sweeney Ingoldsby

More Letters to the Editor

Strike was evidence of teachers' lack of concern for students

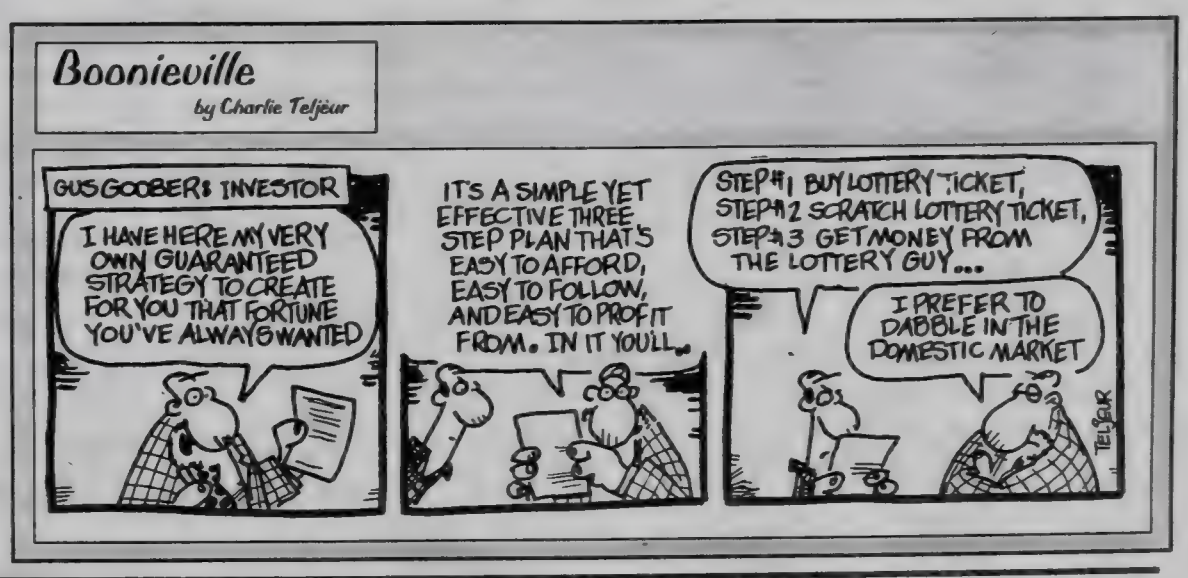
FROM page 12

County), they have an armful of unneeded administrators with salaries in the six figure bracket and a multi-million dollar board office. And he says they have the children at heart?

The electorate did not do the "dropping out" in my deciding to be a "former" school trustee. I chose not to run again as I couldn't bring myself to be part of an exercise in which everybody, from top to bottom (Queen's Park to the classroom) won, but not the children. As long as the goose continued to lay the golden eggs for every adult in this misguided system, nobody gave a damn about the financial well-being of the children in the classroom. They still don't as evidenced by this "lesson" in breaking the law.

I pray for the children, a prayer of petition, uttered firstly in this paper published Nov. 11. "Thank God, for our childrens' sake, that the Harris government has the resolve to do something about it."

Tim Casey,
Former Dysart school trustee and salary negotiating team member



Boldly going where no artists have gone before

ART AND ME

Marion J. Hare

Hindsight shows us that the visual arts of any given century reflect the attitudes of that period. Can then the wildly diverse art of the western world in the 20th Century possibly continue that tradition? Definitely yes.

It is easy to observe art's ability to summarize most any century before ours. The Middle Ages through the 1300s show us in paintings and sculpture both the religiosity and the dominant hierarchical order because the religious themes were paramount and the more important the person the larger the image.

Then with the Renaissance, as the emphasis shifted from religious to temporal concerns, artists concentrated on actual events and people. They learned to accurately reproduce the world around them. Then royalty and the aristocracy as subjects gradually gave way to middle class interiors and landscapes as societies moved from autocracy to democracy.

Early in the 19th Century, after the major revolutions of "the people" in both the U.S.A. and France, there was gradual relaxation of absolute rules in all facets of life from governing patterns and religious practices to morals and manners. Attitudes changed. What was acceptable in the visual arts saw a similar shift.

The Impressionists at the end of the last century summed up this new style of living, for they broke most of the previous ideas of what was acceptable in artistic expression. And so the 20th Century began.

We are now near enough to the end of this period to recognize its chief characteristics. What ended the last century has continued in ours and created the shape of our times.

Our questioning of absolutes has been endemic in all aspects of life. Star Trek's motto perhaps sums it up: "To boldly go where no man has ever gone before."

In science and medicine we have reaped great benefits, and although in matters of manners and morals we have been subjected to the same pressures, we have not always reaped similar benefits.

Art thus well mirrors the times for artists throughout the century have questioned rules and pressed to remove any barriers to their visual self-expression.

This has led to unbelievable absurdities as artists seek to break all previous rules. For example one artist displayed what was termed the ultimate in conceptual art - a framed blank canvas! Viewers were to create their own ideas, thus conceptualizing free of any external suggestion. The work became famous but all it really demonstrated was that any idea taken to its extreme is absurd. As in art so in life where gross aberrations of personal expression make frequent headlines.

Yet the consistent questioning of inherited rules has been in many ways a healthy exercise for we are freed from so many irrelevant moribund rules in life. Great artists, in this same spirit of questioning, have been able to create some wondrous works of relative abstraction.

Now we can only watch and wait to see if the communal visual voice that comes from our artists will reflect a society that may be beginning to grapple with the awareness that absolute freedom is meaningless, no better than a framed blank page.

Reforms will ensure pension plan is sustainable

OTTAWA REPORT

John O'Reilly

In September 1997, the Federal government introduced legislation to reform the Canadian Pension Plan and ensure that it can be counted on by future generations. The changes will not affect present beneficiaries of the CPP or anyone aged 65 or over on December 31, 1997. The legislation is based on an agreement between the federal and the provincial and territorial governments in February, following public consultation and a thorough review. The proposed legislation will move to the finance committee for a final round of hearings and debate before it will be voted on in Parliament.

The CPP has given working Canadians a secure plan for retirement income since 1966. According to a 1995 actuarial report, if existing plans for contribution rates and benefits were not changed, the CPP fund would have been exhausted by 2015.

In February 1996, we released a discussion paper and held a round of public consultations. From April to June 1996, we heard from seniors groups, tax experts, social policy experts and other concerned Canadians all over the country. The conclusion: the CPP must be preserved by giving it stronger financing, improving its investment practices and reducing costs.

Under the proposed reforms, contribution rates will rise from 5.85 percent today to 9.9 percent over the next six years. Contributions will be paid in equal shares by employers and employees. If this increase were delayed, future rates would have to rise higher, to more than 14 percent.

With the changes, benefits will continue to be fully indexed to inflation. The ages for early, normal and late retirement will also remain unchanged. Current seniors and beneficiaries of the CPP will not be affected by this legislation in any way.

These reasonable steps will ensure that the CPP is sustainable, fair across generations and affordable in the future.

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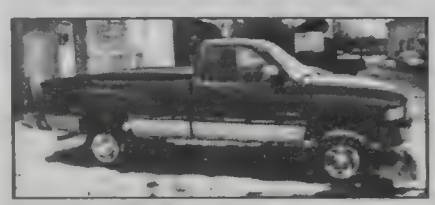

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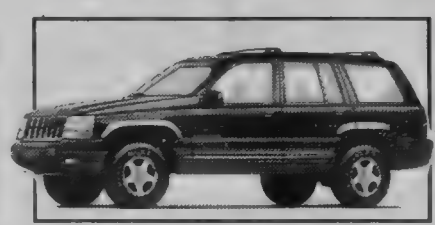

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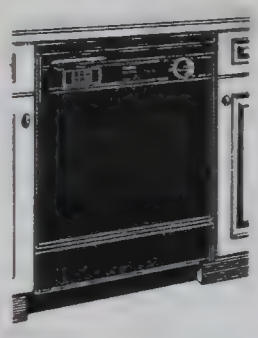

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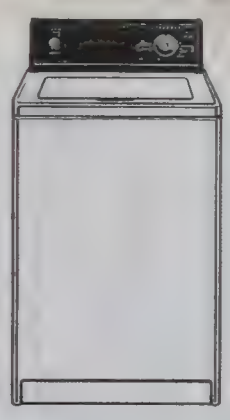

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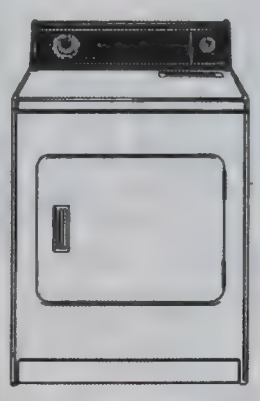

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Jr. basketball Redmen start season with 49-47 victory

Another season of Redmen basketball has started and looks very promising. The Junior Redmen basketball team took to the court in early November and have been practicing hard and working to make the season the best yet.

Coach Irv Sternberg is very optimistic about the team and goals that they have set for themselves. Sternberg feels that the depth of his team this year is 12 players deep. The basketball league in which the Redmen play in consists of IE Weldon, LCVI and Fenelon Falls. The team will play each team four times to make up a 12 game season.

Some goals that the team has set were as wild as winning all 12 and as conservative as winning half of the games played which would be amazing compared to past seasons. The team averaged these out and is focusing on winning seven to nine of their league play which everyone thought was a pretty realistic challenge and is ready to work for it.

Another goal was to beat the league's Number One team last year, the I.E. Weldon Wildcats, which just happened to be their opponent in the home opener last Tuesday, November 25.

The Redmen took to the floor energetic and ready. The game was played before the biggest crowd ever out to watch one of the games and it pumped our boys up, who came out strongly and were down by two at half. Early in the second half the patience and maturity of the team shone through and they took the lead. They were able to play well with the small cushion and reached their first goal by defeating IE Weldon 49-47.

Point guard Nick Cochrane handled the ball very well in the first game of the season and was able to set up plays to get the offence rolling. The offensive charge was led by Jesse Sternberg who scored a team high of 16 points. Kris Jaimeson was close behind with 13 points and nine rebounds and Matt Reid with 11 points and 12 boards. Defensively, the Redmen were as strong as they ever have been, causing many turnovers and stealing a lot of basketballs.

The team members are Jay Mole, Jarrett Aggett, Taylor Goodman, Nick Cochrane, Kris Jaimeson, Andrew Graham, Perry Belekokias, Tristan Pawluch, Aiden McKnight, Jeff Parish, Graham Schakalaar, Jesse Sternberg and Matt Reid. So, come on out and watch the HHSS basketball teams take on the LCVI Spartans Thursday, December 4 at JDHES gym at 4 o'clock. Free admission.

I DIDN'T TOUCH HIM: Two I.E. Weldon Wildcat players stand back after a Redman player on the Midget squad is bumped to the floor in Tuesday's game. While the Juniors edged out a win, Haliburton's Midgets were unable to tame the Wildcats.

Haliburton minor hockey home schedule

December 2
7 p.m. PeeWee A vs. Minden
8:30 p.m. PeeWee A/E vs. Fenelon Falls

December 5
7 p.m. Atom A vs. Sunderland
8:30 p.m. PeeWee A vs. Sunderland

December 6
12:30 p.m. Atom B vs. Lakefield
2 p.m. PeeWee A/E vs. Huntsville
6 p.m. Bantam A vs. Fenelon Falls
7:30 p.m. Midget A vs. Fenelon Falls

December 7
3 p.m. PeeWee A/E vs. Ennismore Selects
4:30 p.m. PeeWee C vs. Fenelon Falls (in Wilb.)

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Solid play takes OMHA Husky atoms to A final

by WALTER TOSE

The OMHA Atom Huskies notched two more wins in regular season play this past week with victories of 3-1 over a much improved team from Omemee and 5-0 in Sunderland. The Huskies had easily beaten Omemee in their first meeting up here and so were surprised by the much tougher defence and checking of the Omemee squad. In both games the Huskies played their usual, tenacious style to earn the wins.

This past weekend the Atoms hosted seven other teams in their annual tournament. The action Friday night and all day Saturday proved to be very exciting with several see-saw battles, some come-from-behind wins and a nail-biting, sudden death overtime game between the Oshawa Bruins and Sutton Rangers on Saturday morning.

The two local teams proved they are indeed very competitive. The Minden Monarchs opened Friday night with a convincing 5-2 win over the Oshawa Bruins. On Saturday they played very well against a fast skating, physical team from Agincourt but simply could not beat the opposition's tough defence sparked by Agincourt's outstanding goaltender. Saturday night the Monarchs played in the "B" final against the Lindsay Muskies. The Monarchs came out storming and built up an early lead. The Muskies kept fighting back to come within two goals, but the Monarchs never let up and came away with an 8-5 win to earn the "B" championship.

Ryan Cole played very well in net for Minden throughout the tournament while teammates Kolt Smith, Evan Kernohan, Darrin Brown and Mark Fisher led the Monarchs in the offensive department. Congratulations to all members of the team on winning the "B" title.

The Haliburton Huskies also did very well. On Friday night they played one of their best games of the season, especially in terms of their defensive play, against a tough defensive team, the Oshawa Bruins. Jeremy Moynes was outstanding in net, making some key saves, to earn a well-deserved shutout. The play was end to end all game, and very exciting to watch, with neither team able to score. Finally, with just under three minutes to go in the game, the increasing Husky pressure in the offensive zone paid off and Jesse Johnson poked a loose puck into the net to give Haliburton the lead. Could the Huskies hang on? With just over a minute to go Andy Dawson rifled a high shot from outside the blueline. The Oshawa keeper lost sight of the puck and it bounced down into the net to ensure a well-earned 2-0 win for the Huskies.

On Saturday afternoon, the Huskies played another excellent game against the Lindsay Muskies and came away with a 5-2 win and a chance to win the "A" title. Saturday night in the "A" final they gave it their best shot against the Agincourt Lions but simply could not keep up with this bigger, faster team. Once again the Lions' goaltender proved unbeatable. In fact the Lions did not give up one goal in the whole tournament.

Congratulations Huskies on a fine effort. You gave it your best in the "A" final and should be very proud of your effort.

In the other finals, Port Perry defeated Sutton 5-3 in the "C" final in a very exciting, see-saw battle, which really wasn't decided until late in the third period. The Oshawa Canadiens defeated the Oshawa Bruins 5-2 in the "D" final in another close match.

On Saturday afternoon, just before all the championship games, three players from each team took part in a skills competition. Fans were treated to some exciting action as players from each team competed against each other in races and shooting competitions. Everyone in the stands was impressed by the 60 mph shot of Tim Smith from Agincourt and the amazing speed of Zack Shields from Sutton. Jeremy Moynes, Jesse Johnson and Adam Hutson competed for Haliburton and all three did very well. Congratulations to Adam Hutson who earned one medal in the Hardest Shot contest and another one in the Player vs Goalie Shootout.

Major Tyke Huskies drop game despite great netminding

A busy Sunday, Nov. 23 saw the Haliburton Major Tykes and their parents get together early in the day to decorate their float for the Santa Claus parade and they did a heck of a job, winning the Best Childrens' Float award.

After the parade, they got together again to face the Ennismore Eagles for their first time this year. The Eagles came out strong and the Huskies looked tired. Despite some brilliant goaltending from Chase Thurston, the local boys took a real pounding. Jesse Stoughton scored the only goal for the Huskies in a 10-1 loss.

The Major Tyke Huskies travelled to Port Carling on Nov. 29 and met up with the Bracebridge Selects for a real barnburner.

The Selects opened the scoring just two minutes into the game but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the Huskies who roared back less than a minute later when Daniel Sisson found Jesse Stoughton breaking into the clear. The Huskies took the lead three minutes later when a goal mouth scramble resulted in the puck scooting out to Jesse Stoughton who fired through the goalie's 5-hole.

Bracebridge didn't give up and really turned it up a notch but the brilliant play of Mac Trueman in the nets stopped them cold. Time after time, Trueman came up with the big save robbing the Selects of what looked like certain goals. They finally tied it up with three minutes left in the second and despite glorious opportunities from both sides, the score remained 2-2. An excellent effort from the Huskies.

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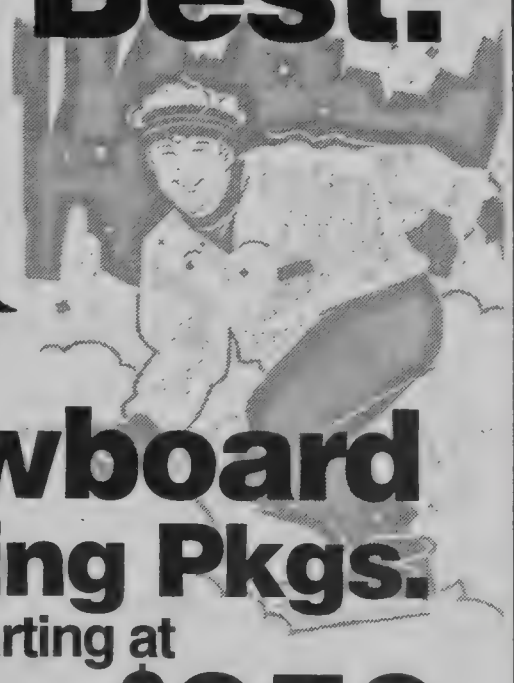

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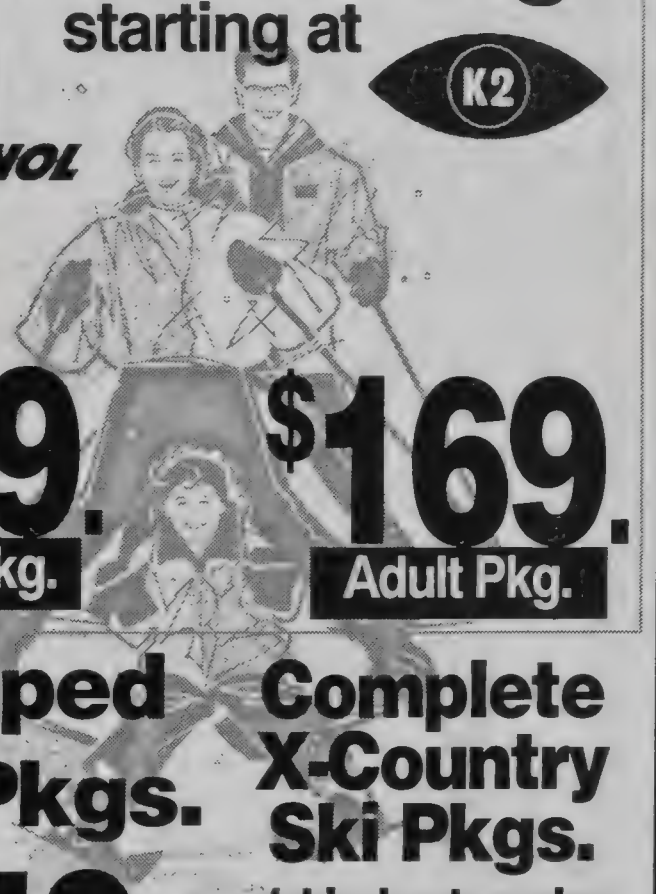

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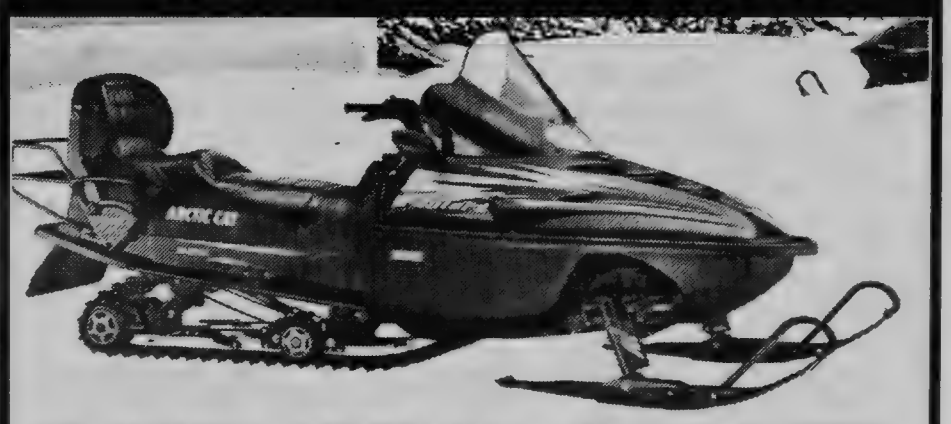

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OMHA Novice Huskies claw back to beat Monarchs

by ROY BURK

On Nov. 27, the OMHA Novice Huskies, sponsored by Curry Motors Ltd. and Paul Wilson Surveyors, were in Minden for our first scheduled meet of the year. The Monarchs jumped us early and scored twice before the first minute was up. But perseverance is the Novices' middle name and we fought back, gradually increasing the pressure until we tied it up. Dylan Metcalfe started it late in the first unassisted and then Scott Lewis tied it up with only 27 seconds left. The assists went to Dylan and Tyler Watson.

It was end to end hockey through most of the second period with both goalies making great saves. Adam Sisson broke the tie late in the period but Minden poured it on and two minutes later it was tied again. The draw from the face off went to Ryan Bottum who passed it to Dylan who fed Adam and the pass and we were in the lead again.

The third period was all ours. Ian Sachs became invincible and didn't allow another shot by him. Adam Sisson got his third goal with the help of Matt Duchene and Devon Hunter. Dylan scored his second with the pass from Scott and then Adam again, unassisted, Final score was 7-3.

Sunday Nov. 30 was our first against Ops and Coach Winn decided to mix the lines again. This coaching tactic is supposed to be a testing ground for future references but it didn't weaken the team as we walked away with a 14-2 win. The points worked out this way: Ryan Bottum three goals, three assists; Galen Bowman two goals, two assists; Jeff Burk one goal, four assists; Devon Hunter one goal, three assists; Scott Lewis two goals; Dylan Metcalfe two goals, three assists; Adam Sisson three goals, three assists; Matt Tripp two assists; Tyler Watson two assists; and Kenton Winn two assists.

The Husky coaching staff has got the boys passing and playing well together and is mixing the lines proves it. Our stats impressive are also proof that the coaching techniques and the players' abilities are in sync. We have 12 wins, two losses and one tie. We've been in three tournaments, winning nine straight games to win three A championships. Seven times we've played C rated centres or higher and came out winners. Coach Jim Winn says he's very pleased with the team's effort and that the kids are very coachable.

PeeWee A Huskies snuff OPs Flames

by DAVE BROWN

The Husky PeeWee As faced off against the Ops Flames Sunday evening. The Huskies carried the play to the Ops end of the rink keeping them bottled up for the bulk of the first period.

While controlling the puck quite well, the Huskies were unable to create any good quality scoring opportunities. The Flames handed out some heavy checks but could not bring the play to the Huskies with any success.

Early in the second, Jeremy Miscio and Darren Kirkpatrick set up Chris Petrow who slid the puck under the Ops goalie for Haliburton's first goal. Haliburton had some good passing in close to score this goal. Just over a minute later, the Flames responded with their first goal. This period was more aggressive with a couple of penalties assessed against the Flames.

At 9:14 of the last period, Travis Bain's shot rebounded out to Matt Brown who popped in the winning goal after a scrum around the Ops net. Our defense replied to Ops' aggressive play with some good solid hits that had the opposition keeping their heads up. The game ended with the Huskies up 2-1. Not a real pretty game. Once again, Billy Hunter and Ryan Hutson, while not real busy in the net, made the big saves when required.

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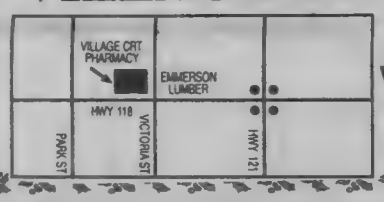

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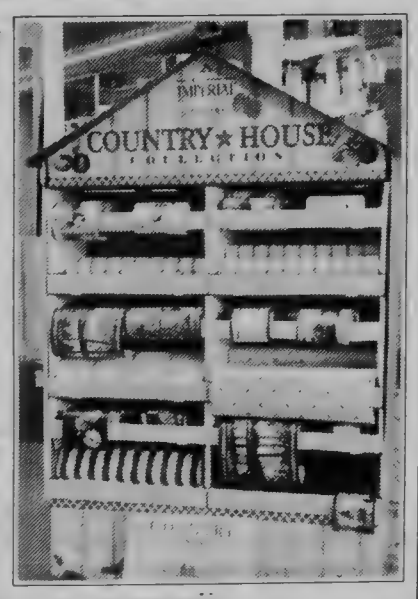

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Hockey Redmen turn out lights on Knights

After suffering the team's first loss of the season earlier in the week, Haliburton high school's hockey Redmen closed the door 6-0 on the Norwood Knights in Wednesday's hope opener.

Jason Heffernan netted the team's first shut-out of the season in the rematch against the Knights, who were soundly beaten by the Redmen the previous week.

The Redmen potted two goals a period Wednesday night and put on a solid defensive show at the other end of the rink.

The scoring was spread out evenly among Jason Henry, Mike Morissette, Ryan Anderson, Chris Moynes, Jarrett Rowden and Darren Mills.

Helping out with assists were: Steve Eccelstone, Andrew Burtch, Nick Kulas (2), Darren Mills, Philip Daniels, Mike Morissette, Wayne Kernohan and Matt Burk.

In the Haliburton's first game of the week, Crestwood overpowered the Redmen, doubling the team's output with a 6-3 win.

The Redmen were down by just one goal at the end of the first period, but Crestwood took control of the game in the second and never looked back.

Scoring for the Redmen were Jason Henry, Nick Kulas, who also picked up an assist, and Matt Burk, who also had an assist.

Jarrett Rowden claimed the final Redmen assist.

Tomorrow night (Wednesday) the Redmen face PCVS on home ice at 8 p.m.

Novice B Rockets blast to win

The Wilberforce Novice Bs travelled to Minden on Saturday for a rematch. The boys took control of the game, scoring two goals in the first period. They came out in the second and made the score 4-0. Minden scored early in the third but Wilberforce came back with two more goals. Nicholas Adams played well for us in net. Drew Galloway, Daniel Riley and Josh Townsend were all great on defense. Travis MacKay scored three goals and one assist. Adam DeCarlo scored two goals, Jonathon Belbin scored one goal and two assists, Jeremy Orth had three assists. Final score: Wilberforce 6, Minden 1.

The Rockets had an exhibition game early Sunday morning in Haliburton. It was a hard fought game. Haliburton played a great game and won 502. Nicholas Adams was in net with the defensive team of Josh Townsend, Daniel Riley and Drew Galloway skating hard. Travis MacKay one goal and one assist, Jeremy Orth one goal and one assist, Jonathon Belbin one assist, Drew Galloway one assist.

The following Saturday night, the Huskies came to Wilberforce for a rematch. The Rockets came out flying and never stopped. Jeremy Orth played his best game of the season; he did everything right. Travis MacKay scored two goals in the first period and came up with the hat trick in the second. Haliburton got on the scoreboard in the second but soon after Travis scored again with an assist from Adam DeCarlo.

The beginning of the third saw Travis score with help from Jonathon Belbin and Adam DeCarlo.

Haliburton never gave up; they played a strong game and scored again in the third period. The Rockets made the game 7-2 with a nice pass from Drew Galloway to Adam DeCarlo. This was another great game from our small but might Rockets.

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Huskies battle flu bug, Rockets in first loss

by VINCE DUCHENE

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It had to happen sooner or later. It was inevitable that we would lose a game this year but we just didn't know when.

As the Husky Novice Bs entered the weekend with a very impressive 10-0-2 record we were in for two very good contests. The first took place on November 29 in Wilberforce and from the very first play of the game we knew the flu bug had taken more out of our team than we may have thought.

Already missing one of our steady defenseman (Jeffrey Dalton) to injury and having half of the rest of the team with bad colds and flu, we didn't hold out much hope against this very good Wilberforce team.

If we have any chance of beating this team, it must be with a full and healthy Husky hockey club. Wilberforce jumped off to a very early 2-0 lead and although we scored two of our own the Rockets' netminder was sensational and their attack was very well thought out. Make the final score 6-2 for the Rockets.

B's player of the game goes to Dallyn Smith who played a spirited hockey game and never backed down from those big defensemen. His efforts in front of their goal almost allowed us to sneak a few more in. Excellent effort Dallyn!

Defensive player of the game goes to Mitchell Vasey who took over at centre when James Roberts could no longer continue because of the flu. Mitchell was by far the hardest working player on the ice and his backchecking and tenacity helped keep this game reasonable. Good effort Mitch.

On November 30, we hosted the rematch with the Mariposa Lightning. Our boys responded very well but again we were still fighting the flu bug. This game saw us short two players and some real shuffling had to take place. Mariposa took the lead near the end of the first period which sparked another two goals early in the second. Down 3-0, a very key save in this game came when Matthew Duchene got away on a clear cut break away which was turned aside by the Lightning goaltender. Although we did score two very quick goals off the sticks of Max Ambridge and Matthew Duchene we couldn't complete the comeback and Mariposa salted the game away in the third with another goal. Make the final a reversal of game # 1, this one going to the Lightning 4-2.

B's player of the game goes to Matthew Duchene who played his best two way game of the season with strong backchecking and a key goal in the second period that gave us a chance. Good job Mat.

Defensive player of the game goes to Ryan Scheffee and Connor MacMillan. We thought both played excellent defensive games and they were a key to keeping this game close. Keep up the good work boys, you look great.

We travel to Mariposa next weekend for a two day tournament and hopefully we'll report next week with some hardware highlights.

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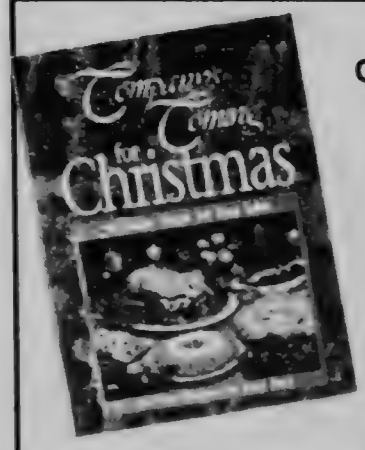

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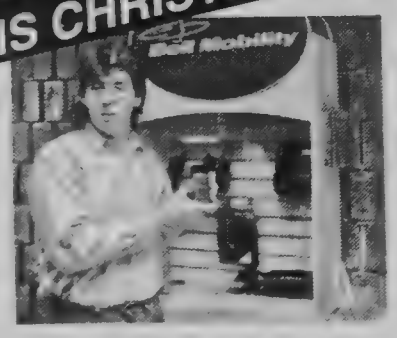

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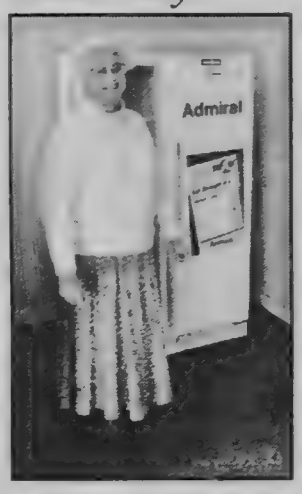

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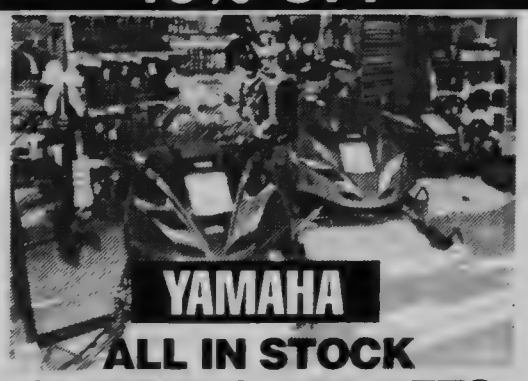

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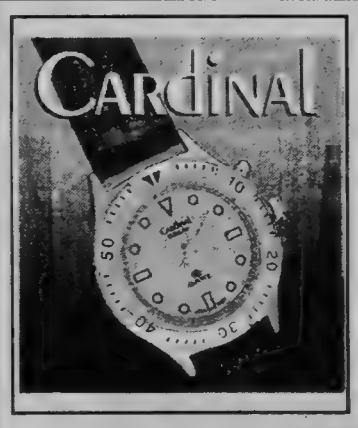

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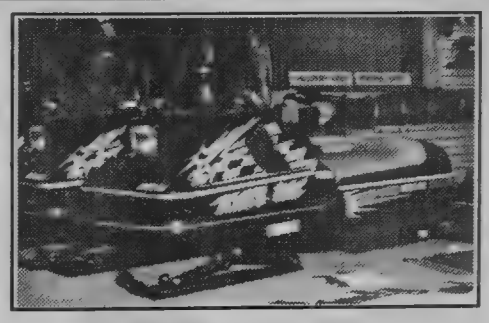

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OMHA Bantam Huskies take Omemee in rematch

by SUE CLARKSON

Omemee – the return match.

The OMHA Bantam Huskies iced only 10 skaters for this game. Omemee took advantage of their early sluggishness by scoring two before the end of the first period of play. Partway through the second Jason Woodcox netted one assisted by Adam Henry to bring the team within one.

There must have beena good chat at the break because the team came out in the third hustling, resulting in three more goals. Adam Henry scored, assisted by Bobby Hebert to tie the game, followed by a goal from Adam Clarkson, assisted by Logan Roberts and Bobby, and Bobby scored the final goal unassisted which ended up being the game winner. Omemee netted one more near the end of the period bringing an exciting finish to this game. Score: Huskies 4 – Omemee 3.

Last Tuesday the Husky Dome was the site of one heck of a good game against Woodville. Every player on the team gave a solid performance. By the end of the first, despite numerous close chances by the Huskies and some by their opponents, there was no score. In the second, Nick Cochrane's shot on net trickled its way in to put the team on the scoreboard. Adam Clarkson scored a power play goal next when his slapshot from the red line flew by the Woodville goalie, assisted by Jason Woodcox.

Partway through the third, Nick Cochrane in his office behind the net, set up Adam Clarkson in the slot to score. With just 13 seconds left in the game Nick walked out from the corner and deposited a low shot into the visitors' net.

This win brings the team up to one game above .500. A big part of these wins has been the 'D', who were awesome this evening. Logan Roberts, Dan Koz, Jamie Doan, Jamie Johnston and Chris Petrow have been outstanding. Ryan Wood (Woodsy), Ryan Emmerson, Bobby Hebert, and Traviss Bain did a dynamite job as well, particularly with checking. Congrats once more to the duo of Adam Wilson and Brian Mulholland who came away with their third shutout of the season. Score: Huskies 4 – Woodville 0.

Lester brothers race to Snocross success

Luke and AJ Lester of Minden competed successfully in the season opener Canadian Snow Cross Racing Association (CSRA) NTN World Cup Snow Cross held at Searchmont Resort near Sault Ste. Marie, November 22 and 23. The event included more than 600 entries from all across Canada, the USA and Europe, Competition in all divisions was intense with drivers having to eliminate as many as 60 riders to take a class win.

AJ Lester, riding his Steve Charity-tuned Ski-Doo MX-Z from Prentice-Berry in Minden, won his Novice Division qualifier on Saturday and charged to the front of the largest-ever Novice field of competitors from the moment the flag dropped in Sunday's final. AJ's Prentice-Berry sponsored Ski-Doo is supported by Royal Distributing and Kimpex/Action.

This strong start sees AJ continuing his winning streak in the CSRA's exciting Novice Division. He finished off last season with an eight-race winning streak.

Luke Lester, last year's CSRA Rookie of the Year and Super Sport Division Champion, launched his fleet of Tim George-tuned Polaris snowmobiles from The Wedge of Haliburton into the lead and won all five of his class qualifiers on Saturday and won the Sport 500 Final on Saturday night using his 440 XCR, eliminating over 60 drivers in the process. Luke's The Wedge of Haliburton-sponsored Polaris snowmobiles are supported by Royal Distributing and Kimpex/Action.

On Sunday, Luke took the 600 Sport win on his XC-600, the feature class for the day and captured a $500 cash bonus from United Expressway Trailers. Luke also won the Junior Division final on his XCR 440, placed second overall in Sport Open on his XC-600 and third overall in Sport 440 Fan on his XC-F.

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Roadblocks don't stop Family Services from reaching its destination

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

THERE MAY have been a few roadblocks thrown in along the way, but the journey towards an integrated delivery of children's services in Haliburton County is now officially complete.

At Friday afternoon's official opening ceremony, Family Services of Haliburton County was launched for the next part of the journey, which is helping to ensure children and their families get the services they need quickly and easily.

"Thinking about the course of history of Family Services, what's important is that Haliburton County now has an entity that belongs to the community, as opposed to the days when you had Kinark with a board in Toronto," said Larry Elliott, the program supervisor at the Ministry of Community and Social Services in Peterborough who is credited for never letting the amalgamation process steer too far from its path, and for helping it reach its destination.

"Haliburton County now has, for the first time, a comprehensive service organization that belongs to the community and through which the community's values are in its hands," he said following the unveiling of the new sign at the Eastern Avenue office. "That's the broader perspective that's often lost. It's an opportunity to express, through its services, how the community wants to treat children."

At Friday's open house, Kevin Sullivan of the Ministry of Community and Social Services, above, unveils the new logo of Family Services, which was primarily designed by Claire Sylvan, who explains her concepts at left.

"Families are the benefactors," agreed Kevin Sullivan, community services manager at the Peterborough MCSS office.

Sullivan joked that his shoulder was dislocated because Elliott had "been pulling on it for the last year, reminding me of the needs of Haliburton County." Now that those needs are being fulfilled, after surviving seemingly insurmountable challenges, Sullivan gave a lot of credit to the board's determination to see the process through. "There's been a lot of goodwill expressed through this whole process."

"I'm glad to see it happen and also how the volunteers have stood by (the process)," said county warden Murray Fearrey, who, through the county's representative on the board, Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison, often got a sense of the disappointments and setbacks faced by the board as it strove to amalgamate several family services under the one roof.

"With amalgamations, everyone has to give a little and work together," Fearrey said, "but let's face it, this is about children. They're our future and what's most important."

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ALL TOGETHER:

These are the staff members of Family Services of Haliburton County, which is located, along with the Children's Aid Society, in the former Kinark office on Eastern Avenue in Haliburton village. From left: Front row: office assistant Kelly Harrison, infant development worker Claire Sylvan, program supervisor Barb Fraser and family support worker Carol Brentnall. Middle row: finance and administrative assistant Lee-Anne Goodall, family support worker Sharon Lynch, and mental health worker Joan Wilbee. Back row: financial and administration manager Lynne Hoppenreys, mental health worker Erle Jaeger, volunteer co-ordinator Marilou Mizzan, psychometrist Karoul Talaba, executive director Fay Martin and resource consultant Darlene Box. Absent: youth outreach worker Greg Shantz and contract group facilitator Lynda Shadbolt.

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Road to Family Services was a long one

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Board chairman Lon Duncombe outlined some of those tribulations, primary among them the province's decision not to grant the board the authority it needs to take over the Children's Aid Society's role. (Family Services and the CAS will be sharing the office space, however.)

"Family Services is now well placed to begin fulfilling its mandate to 'identify, provide and strengthen support services enabling children, youth and families to function at their highest potential,'" Duncombe told the crowd gathered outside the office in a drizzling rain. "We have a team of dedicated, professional front line staff, most of whom have years of experience in their chosen fields, backed by capable administrative support and led by an innovative, visionary executive director (Fay Martin), whom we managed to lure from Toronto to head up the agency.

"Workers are now enjoying the opportunity to collaborate in new ways and serve our community better. Gaps in service delivery have already been identified and addressed and staff are actively involved in building community capacity in several parts of the county. We are initiating some exciting new approaches to service delivery and we have already been able to fund a new program directly from savings and efficiencies deriving from the amalgamation."

Duncombe then offered thanks to those who have helped with the amalgamation:

• the "long suffering, determined" board members: vice-president Jane Van Nood, treasurer Maureen O'Hara, county representative Eleanor Harrison, members Stephanie Black, Eric Lilius, Bev Muir, June White and Tamara Wilbee

• the people who played "a crucial role" in the process: founding president Kathy Reid, founding treasurer Gord Schakelaar, founding secretary Sue Doan, previous board member and now human resources committee member Diane Loucks, project manager Frances Adams, and Bob Penney, executive director of the Haliburton, Kawartha CAS, who "always gave us his support even when the continuing existence of Family Services was in doubt"

• Larry Elliott, "who worked miracles in the bureaucratic jungle and ran interference for us right up to the transition date."

• board members and staff of the Social Action Committee, SIRCH and Kinark Child and Family Services, (which divested services for the amalgamation to take place.) "They worked together during the potentially difficult transition process to achieve a successful amalgamation, in particular Peter Moore, who is Kinark's operations manager, Gena Robertson, the executive director of SIRCH, and Barb Fraser, previously with SAC and now Family Services' program manager."

• and the 13 staff members for their "atmosphere of camaraderie, trust and mutual support which is now so evident and mentioned by everyone who visits Family Services."

Claire Sylvan, who is Family Services' Infant Development Worker, then unveiled the logo which she was instrumental in designing. She was helped by Eric Lilius, Sharon Lynch, Sue Shikaze, logo committee members Abby Blythe Hagerman and Joanne Varty, and Jamie Woodman, "who pulled it all together."

The unveiling was part of an afternoon-long open house which was well attended.

Drug and alcohol prevention group seeks health board sponsorship

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Since the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse will also help prevent costly medical services, the Haliburton County Community Action Group on Alcohol and Drugs thinks the local health board would be the perfect new "home" for the volunteer group.

At Thursday's board meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Michele Bromley of the action group put forward the possibility of a partnership.

At present, the group is a sub-committee of the Haliburton Social Action Committee, SAC. But SAC is disbanding early in the new year and the drug and alcohol group wants to continue and therefore needs a sponsoring agency.

"There are now so many players in social resource planning that (SAC) is no longer needed," Bromley said.

Although the community action group on alcohol and drugs is not large, and receives only intermittent government grants, the members felt it was important to continue their public education campaign. However, as a committee, it has no authority to do things such as sign cheques, so it needs a sponsoring agency, and the health board was its first choice.

"The two other choices that fit best have offices outside the county," and this would make it difficult for cheque signing, Bromley said. "Obviously this board makes sense. It's a good fit because it's a health issue."

Being a sponsor does not carry with it any financial obligations, Bromley said. The group got its start in 1989 with a $10,000 provincial grant, and has since received a total of about $10,000 to run its education programs. Some money was provincial, some was from the Addiction Research Foundation and all was spent directly on programming, including the annual Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week activities throughout the county. The committee is strictly volunteer so there were no staffing cost. It has about $2,000 in the bank and any future funding will have to be applied for.

"It fits in well with health promotion," board member Ted Wilkes said in response to the proposed sponsorship. Doug Campbell agreed. "There's no doubt it's our responsibility."

There was general consensus among board members to continue negotiations with the committee, with a final decision expected at the January board meeting.

In his report later in the meeting, executive director Foster Loucks said the SAC invited the HHHS to meeting with other agencies involved in providing health, housing and social services in the Highlands. "(The SAC) wishes to 'pass the ball' on its function, which largely revolves around community planning in the social services structure. I attended a meeting at which interest was expressed in forming a coalition of agencies with related purposes in order to influence the planning of social services and community development."

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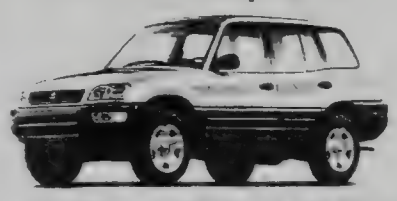

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Students excel when they share their aspirations in Marion Drysdale contest

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

With so much of their future ahead of them, local high school students know how important it is to follow their dreams, and they've expressed that in words, music and art thanks to an annual contest sponsored by the teachers' federation.

On Thursday, staff organizer Michelle Shapiera and HHSS principal Gary Brohman presented the awards to this year's winners of the Marion Drysdale Writing Contest.

The topic, Follow Your Dreams, resulted in entries that were deeply personal and well expressed, Shapiera told the students. "I swear you have your life mapped out," she said, adding that this year's entries were some of the best ever.

Brohman also congratulated the students, and also Shapiera's work on the contest. "Without teachers taking on these (volunteer) roles, these things don't happen, and it's these things that makes the school so unique."

The following is a list of the winners in various categories:

Grade Nine Destreamed Category – Gerald Sharp, first; Amy Spencer, second; Doug Roswell, third.

General Level Writing Category – Michele Robinson, first; Cheri Huck, second; Kim McGuire, third.

Advanced Level Writing Category (Prose/Poetry) – Erin Kernohan (poetry), first; Shirleen DeHaan, second; Kevin Brezina, third; Katie Woods, Honourable Mention.

Creative Category – Melissa Anashnabi, audio (flute composition)

Creative Category (Painting/Sculpture) – Ian Milligan, first; Caitlin Petit, second; Camilla Petit, third.

Judges – Bob Penfold, Patty Brydon, Michele Shapiera

Principal Gary Brohman, third from left, and teacher/organizer Michele Shapiera, third from right, presented students with their cash prizes from the teachers' federation's annual creative arts contest.

Follow Your Dreams

by KATIE WOODS
Grade 10

I have dreams. I dream all the time. My dreams consist of things like my future and ambitions. Without my dreams I would be no one, nowhere.

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So, follow your dreams. Become someone who has direction and excitement.

Dreams aren't that hard to achieve. They take will and heart. If you can see your dreams don't lose them in the clouds.

Whether you are young or old, you dream. My advice to you, follow your dreams, make them part of you, make them your life.

Follow Your Dream

by CHERRI HUCK

Reach for your goals
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Do as you please,
Try to succeed.
Go to the end,
Trust in your friends.
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Be what you can,
Let yourself bend.
Follow your dream.
Be as you seem.

Legion announces Remembrance Day winners

The following are the Haliburton Legion Branch 129 Poster Contest Results for 1997.

Black and white posters (42 entries):

Junior – Dan Jung, Andy Dawson, Alisha Ekeli.

Intermediate – Morgan English, Stephen Forde, Lindsay Mitchell

Senior – There was only one entry which was disqualified because it did not meet the requirements.

Colour poster (109 entries):

Junior – Matt Ellis, Jade MacInnes, Krysta Dickenson

Intermediate – Daniel Vanier, Melanie Howitt, Vanessa Smith

Senior – There were no entries.

The following are the Haliburton Legion Branch 129 Literacy Contest Results for 1997.

Essays (54 entries):

Junior (Grades 4, 5 and 6) – Amber Wright, Lisa Wright, Nicole Parish

Intermediate (Grades 7, 8 and 9) – Jennifer Moynes, Dan Schell, Kristen McConnell

Senior Essays (Grades 10, 11, 12 and O.A.C.) – Jennifer Ferguson, Shirleen Dehaan, Jessica Barry

Poems (70 entries):

Junior – Kristen Stackhouse, Erin Burtch, Ryan Bottum

Intermediate – Eugene Decarlo, Kathryn Foulds, Morgan English

Senior – Eileen Shim, Stacey Gill

There were some outstanding entries and the judges had a difficult task.

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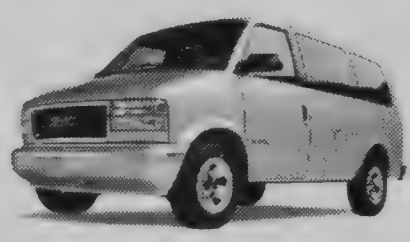

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CHACE projects raise awareness and needed funds

A dedicated group of parents and community members have pitched in to assist C.H.A.C.E. in the drive to keep the Minden Day Care afloat. The committee was formed mid-October in response to pressure exerted by parents and the community to keep the centre open, following notification of a scheduled closure of the financially troubled facility.

Committee members have acted quickly to co-ordinate fund raising and marketing initiatives to keep the Prentice Street facility viable. Targets to boost enrollment by the equivalent of nine full-time toddlers and pre-school children have been set. Funds in the amount of $22,748 are to be raised to address the (projected 1997) deficit.

Community supporters have generously donated prizes for the "Day Care Dream Raffle" including a Gary Chapman watercolour painting; tickets for several Toronto Maple Leafs games; Toronto Raptors tickets; Ford "F" series 50th Anniversary leather jacket, five oil lube and filter changes from Keaney Chrysler; portable electric keyboard Concertmate 410; and 10 other fabulous prizes!

The draw will be held on Dec. 19. Jackie Ziorjen (Of Sound Body) has also kindly donated a half-hour massage to the ticket seller who sells the most tickets.

The committee is working hard to continue to get the word out to those looking for childcare. Following the advertising blitz supported by the Municipalities of Lutterworth and Anson, Hindon & Minden, over 300 flyers to promote enrollment were distributed. A poster campaign, featuring art work of children enrolled at the facility, was launched earlier this month. A newly-designed Day Care brochure will be circulated.

To date, $2,000 has been raised. It is gratifying to see parents and community continue to directly support the continuation of a valued community service.

Other ways in which the community can support efforts to keep the Day Care open are through direct donations to accounts set up at Minden CIBC and Toronto Dominion banks, purchase of Nevada tickets at the Norland Esso station and General Store, purchase of craft bags available at C.H.A.C.E. and by supporting upcoming events.

Food always a big part of holiday celebrations

WEST GUILFORD *News*

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Centre news: it has been busy and promises to be even busier over the Christmas season. Two showers are included: baby showers for Paula Woodward and Barry Miscio's special event and for Kelly (Bird) and Steve Churko of Eagle Lake.

The Christmas dinner for the Gospel Lighthouse congregation happened on Nov. 29. The Prayer Sisters' pot luck was held November 27 with mothers as guests of the group under Nancy Elston's leadership.

Dec. 1 is the Christmas Bingo.

Checking into Camp Medeba, Steve Archibald tells of the 12-month course for four people, one from Oklahoma, one from Virginia, one from Bracebridge and one from Alberta. These four people are in the Leadership Development Program which operates at a post-secondary level. This course goes on along with the currently running programs with a staff of six full-time and three part-time workers. The number you should call if you require more information is 754-2444.

I attended the annual Synod of the Anglican Church from Nov. 20-22 with Nicholas Fawcett, Lynne Johnston and our rector, the Rev. Christopher Greaves. The event began with the communion service at St. James Cathedral and continued the next day at the International Plaza (Skyline Motel). It was the last time there will be a representative from St. Andrew's. Christopher and I jointly addressed the meeting at the appropriate time concerning our church closure.

On Sunday, Nov. 23 many former parishioners joined us at St. Andrew's since this would be the last full service we hold there. However, the actual and official closing on Nov. 30 took place in two parts beginning at St. Andrew's and continuing and closing at St. George's which will be the next church home for most of us.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: At the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts' volunteer appreciation tea at the Rails' End Gallery on Sunday afternoon, social convenor June Stewart signs her name to Bruce Birrell's cast as his wife Primrose looks on, left. Above, Pam Smith watches weaver Judy Chapman give a card weaving demonstration. The Guild welcomes new members, as well as volunteers for activities at the Gallery.

Training board seeks stakeholders' input

The Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland, Haliburton Training Board is hosting a public consultation to discuss its draft Local Area Training and Adjustment Plan.

This document when finalized will be submitted to both the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training and Human Resources Development Canada and will establish the Board's training and adjustment priorities for the Counties of Peterborough, Victoria, Haliburton and Northumberland for the next fiscal year.

Trainers, businesses with an interest in training and adjustment as well as other interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend one of two public meetings which are scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 1997 in Peterborough. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the board at (705) 749-3250 or 1-800-340-0111.

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Seniors prepare for holidays

SENIOR LEAGUE

Hyland Crest News

Things are getting busy here as we get ready for the holiday season. On Friday, residents, activity staff and volunteers spent time cheering up our home with Christmas decorations. In the afternoon, our happy hour was very enjoyable with the music of C&M Musicmakers.

The next day, a few of us were busy baking cookies for our upcoming Christmas bazaar and bake sale.

On Sunday, Peg Pettinger went with her husband, Ed, to his new home in the Terrace. There she was greeted by many friends who helped her celebrate her birthday.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Marjorie Shuyler at 99 years of age. We send our condolences to her family and friends.

On Monday, several residents were pleased to have Ed and Ruby McKelvey visit with them and in the evening we were very pleased to have the Scottish Dancers. They are very charming people. What a lovely time we had.

A warm welcome to Mrs. Evelyn Chow and Harry Ineson who have joined us in our home.

Our craft group is still very busy finishing up items that will be for sale at our Christmas bazaar. While we were working away, Linda Fry discussed the upcoming plans for the holiday season. One special event will be a smorgasbord breakfast on December 31. Linda was asking for suggestions and we were told (within reason, of course) anything our hearts desire. Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

Wednesday was spent trimming our Christmas trees and the floor in our auditorium was treated to a "way and shine" by our maintenance man. Looks just great. You can almost see your face in it but it isn't slippery. In fact, our home is looking quite spiffy.

Thursday was our birthday tea party hosted by the family of Lola Prentice.

Also on that day we said goodbye to Lynn Shirley, our dietary and laundry supervisor who is leaving us to relocate to Huntsville. Lynn has been with us for 7 1/2 years and we will miss her.

Time to remind you of our Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale to be held Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. here at Hyland Crest in the Auditorium. Handmade crafts, home baking, etc. – come and visit and start your Christmas shopping. The draw for that beautiful quilt will also take place.

TASTERS' CHOICE: On Sunday, Mountainview Restaurant in Gooderham held its first Chili Cook Off to find the perfect chili to put on its menu. There were 12 entries and no shortage of people willing to do the taste test. Finally, it was up to Reeve Elva Bates to decide on the winner – Kathy Billings of Gooderham, who made the owners of the restaurant – Roger Billings, Gary Spencer, Peter Rakowski, standing behind her in the restaurant's kitchen – sign an oath of secrecy about her recipe. Apparently, her chili is already a smash hit among ice fisherman on Wolf Lake, who've sampled her soul-warming concoction on those cold days out on the ice. The second place finalist was Deb Scott of Gooderham while Cathy Milton of Scarborough came third. The winner was given a t-shirt and framed print of historic Gooderham by artist Joan McCann Spencer.

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Tasty Wild Game dinner is this Saturday night

WILBERFORCE *News*

Hilda Clark
448-2018

The Legion's Wild Game Dinner is coming up this Saturday, December 6. This meal is much enjoyed by many who enjoy sampling all sorts of wild game. There are always "tamer" meats such as turkey served for those whose palettes are not prepared for wilder portions.

Students of the week at the Wilberforce School were Amy Traviss in Kindergarten, Chad English Grade 1, Nicole Watson Grade 2, Ashley Alden Grades 3/4 and Nicole Forget Grades 5/6.

Every year as part of their study of the significance of Remembrance Day, the students at the school write about and make pictures about the theme. The Legion arranges to have them judged.

This year, Junior division essay writing winners were Stephanie DeCarlo first, Mandy Cox second and Erin Deschamps third.

Junior poetry winners were Jame Forde first, Jennifer Spencer second, Audrina Townsend third and Nicole Manary fourth.

In the black and white poster section, Tanya Hutchinson was awarded first prize, Justin Donaldson second, Evan Norrish third and Gave Swan fourth.

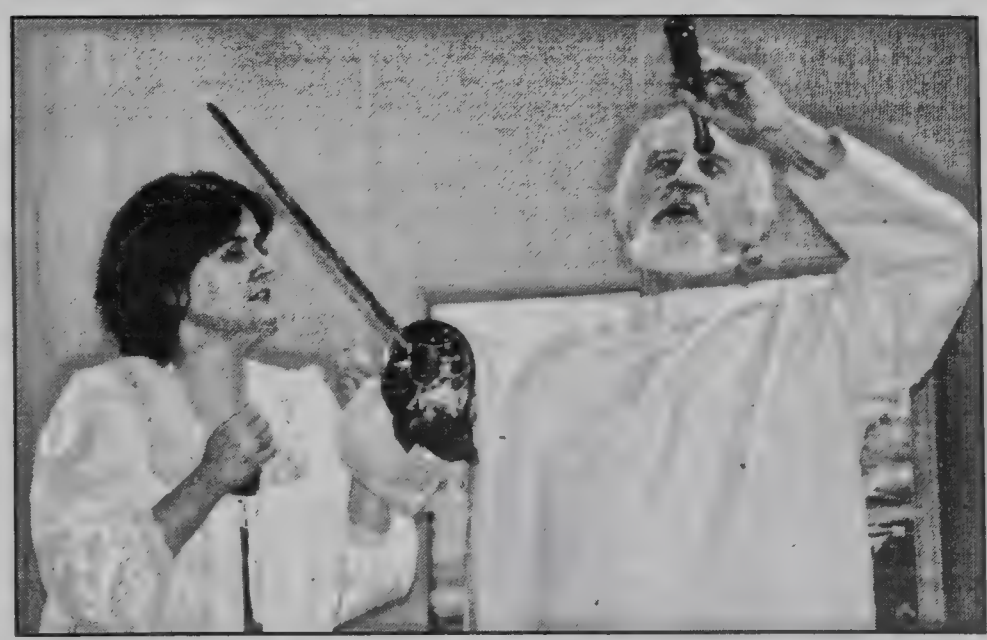
Winning junior colour posters were made by Kanan Quibell first, Trish Vanier second, Justin Donaldson third and Audrina Townsend fourth.

In the primary division (Grades 1-3), classroom winners were: in Grade 1, Michael Nicholson first, Harley Foulds second, Jocelyn Townsend third, Brandon Durga third and Carolyn Barnes fourth; Grade 2 Amanda Petrie; Grade 3 Chris Woolacott first, Ashley Alden second; Grade 3 black and white Adam DeCarlo.

The overall winners for primary posters were: Michael Nicholson first, Chris Woolacott second, Harley Foulds third and Amanda Petrie fourth.

The Loop Troupe's one act play "Not Tonight" was well received by the audiences on Saturday and Sunday. Julie Walsh made a fine debut with the troupe as Rose Bellows. She was on stage throughout the play encouraging her straight laced, would-be accountant suitor, Chester (Dan Linkert) to propose, while constantly being interrupted by her sleep walking parents and aunt.

With Mother Bertha Bellows (Hilda Clark) searching for a young burglar, the Admiral (Ernie Hemphill) commanding ships and arguing about a chess game with Aunt Faye (Kim Barrett Barnes) who is playing Juliet and Lady Macbeth, Rose has her hands full. But when her suitor reappears in his red and green dotted pajamas, she knows she has four somnambulists on her hands! A happy ending, which several in the audience thought came too soon.



BUMP IN THE NIGHT: Admiral Ernie Hemphill finds himself sleepwalking along with Aunt Kim Barrett Barnes in the Loop Troupe's weekend production of *Not Tonight*.

Minden WI hears of health initiatives

by JEANNE SEARS

The meeting of Minden Women's Institute was at the Library Centre on Nov. 19 with Jean Cox presiding. Our guest speaker was Ted Brandon from Chris Hodgson, MPP's office. He brought full and interesting details of new health care. This was very explicit as the aim is to help seniors and others to stay in their homes.

There were also some questions answered on our new hospital and Hyland Crest with construction starting next spring. Mr. Brandon was presented with a small gift by Irene Moore and we all showed our appreciation with our applause.

We are to keep articles for our Yard Sale on the May 1998 holiday weekend.

Members are still to turn in their family history and house logs for our History Book. Thanks to Nancy for such an interesting program.

We are invited to The Terrace for Christmas Pot Luck at noon on Dec. 17.

We had an excellent report from Convention by delegates Jean and Mary Cox and also the District Report by the latter.

Of interest – Jean Cox read suggestions that as a courtesy to the deaf people we know, be sure to face them as many lip read.

Members, don't forget to bring a guest to join us at the Christmas meeting on Dec. 17 at noon. All other ladies are welcome as well.

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Dec. 5 **HALIBURTON COUNTY FARMER'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER AND CHINESE AUCTION** 7 p.m. West Guilford Community Centre.

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Last of playground equipment installed

Against the cold, slate grey waters of Eagle Lake a colourful array of tall and short, bright blue tubes, red and yellow twisty slides has sprung up. The remainder of the playground equipment has been installed, ready for spring. Thanks go to the neighbourhood men who worked on this project.

The Eagle Lake Women's Group is certainly not elitist. We not only welcome but need new members. Next meeting, the Christmas one, is at my home on Still Court, Dec. 11 at 12:00. Bring a sandwich and a goody which we pool. We enjoy ourselves and would welcome your company.

Civic numbering is gradually catching on. Standard, white on green signs are gradually lining our roads. A recent fire in a home on Eagle Lake pinpoints the need for numbering. In residence at the time was a guest who was hazy about directions for the fire department. It proved a near thing. The ambulance, police and Ontario Hydro all depend on civic numbering for fast action. Contact me or Marie Wallace 754–2648 for your number.

Eagle Lake church has opened an office in the house beside the store, open mornings 10 a.m. to noon. This is an outreach project. All charitable contributions can be given or accessed at this location.

The bazaar on Saturday had encouraging support and netted a good amount to further the "Adventure" program for young people.

Ten "Rhubarbarians" met Nov. 19 for the annual pot luck supper and to make plans for 1998. Two large "Welcome to Eagle Lake, the Rhubarb Capital of Ontario" signs set in concrete will be made for either entrance to the village.

Across the road from the beach playground we hope to clean up and establish River Park, a pleasant spot overlooking the rapids, a place for picnics.

An effort will be made to get community involvement in not only beautifying our village but unearthing skills and talents to create tourist attractions. As an example is Shelley Ball's 'Rhubarb Patch' crafts. It is a real loss to the village that the Balls are moving. That there are always so many For Sale signs on the Eagle Lake street is a concern for us all. This is a depressed area, unemployment is high, our only industry is tourism, our only asset the natural beauty and what should be the desire of its people to enhance and contribute to its attractions.

I was astounded to learn of Eagle Lake's "dust-up" (negative vibes) with 'that other place', over which should be the Rhubarb Capital. I assure all that the twinning solution was mutual, humours, non-confrontational. We have remained friends with Skedden, exchanging cards and visits but no rivalry.

There is an obvious tie-in here with our local school bus problem. One cannot live solely for personal gain and put private interest over public good without dire consequence affecting all.

I suppose Eagle Lake's history of struggling to survive and flourish, beset by crimes of passion and greed is a microcosm of the larger world.

And this is only a three year record of the decade when a sequel to *"In the Fullness of Time"* will be published!

RHUBARB PATCH

Eagle Lake News

Ruth Still
754-2602

HOSPITAL DONATIONS

Dale Walker, above left, accepts a $1,000 donation on behalf of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation from Al Dorman, on behalf of the Haliburton Seniors' Club. Other members of the club looking on include Virna Wagg, front row, and back row: Billie Coulson, Ruth Parkes, Evelyn Stata, Doreen Robertson and Roy Parnell. In the photo below, Walker accepts a donation of $500 from Gord Woodman, on behalf of the Haliburton Firefighters' Association, while other volunteers with the Dysart fire department look on. The firefighters themselves donated the money.

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Bring unwrapped toys or food items to your Christmas party. We will pick them up and deliver them to the 4C's distribution centre of your choice. If you have already enjoyed your party, don't fret. Simply collect your items at the office and call for pick up. Fill in a ballot, and your job is done. One ballot will be drawn on December 23rd. We are pleased to offer two prizes to the winner. The first is a booth at our Home, Cottage & Recreation Show in May. The booth space may be used by the winner or can be donated to a charitable organization for their use. The second is a one month swim membership donated by Wigamog Inn.

Last year thirty groups participated in our challenge. Our help is needed again this year. Together we can make a difference!

Take this opportunity to help our community! Get involved and have some fun knowing that you are putting a smile on many faces this Christmas.

Zion United welcomes newest member

PENNEY'S WORTH

Carnarvon News

Yvonne Penney

Last Sunday, Nicholas Shepherd became the newest member of Zion Church. He was christened and his mother also became a member of our church. Last week. B.J. Archer became a member through christening. Welcome.

Tracey Toye spent the weekend here with her parents, Wayne and Dale Toye. While here, she helped celebrate her brother-in-law's birthday.

Cec and I went to New Liskeard last Friday to celebrate our grandson's sixth birthday. Imagine if you will, eight six-year old boys in the house for three hours playing games and eating pizza and cake. Needless to say, we were tired out and glad to get back home on Sunday.

Anne McKay phoned today to tell me she is happy I am writing some news. She said I could put her phone number in this column as many people here tried to call her and she isn't in the book yet. It is 457-2712.

Best wishes to Allan Thomas and Grace Cowan who are on the sick list.

We enjoyed "Christmas in November" on Wednesday night at Maple Lake United Church. We sang most of the familiar carols, heard a duet and the choir and the poet of Haliburton performed as well. Ev Stata was at her best again. The evening was topped off with goodies and coffee and chit chat.

Don't forget "Christmas in Carnarvon" Wednesday night, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. A delightful evening for ladies of the church.

Seniors to hold fun Christmas lunch

DORSET

News

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

Birthday greetings to Gina Baum, Weldon Tracey, Donald McEachern, Jacqualine Timbers and Janeen Byman.

It has been a yoyo winter so far, just so we have some snow for Christmas. And we are coming close to the shortest day of the year. It will be pleasant to be able to enjoy longer periods of daylight after Dec. 21.

There are a lot worse things can happen to one than losing. However, having to have a little animal that you have had living with you for 13 years and you have spoiled, pampered, loved and enjoyed the companionship of, it is a traumatic experience and a sad occasion. My little Amber, named that because of his amber coloured coat and expressive, amber coloured eyes, is now in Kitty Heaven and is, I'm sure, a happy kitty angel.

The Dorset Senior Club is holding its Christmas party and gift exchange on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. Santa Claus will be there, of course. Ladies, bring a gift suitable for a lady and marked as such. Men, bring a man's gift. Gifts to be valued at $10 or less. It's always a great party. Everyone brings their own eating utensils, including plate, knives and forks, etc. so there is no dish washing.

The different groups who sponsored the sales tables at the Dorset Community Bazaar wish to thank the general public for supporting the Bazaar, making it a success and worth the effort.

The Lake of Bays Anglican Parish held its monthly, last Sunday of the month united service at St. Ambrose Church, Baysville. There was a full church and a super lunch was served in their hall next door.

NOTICES

FLEMING

SIR SANDFORD FLEMING COLLEGE

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This is a 15 month part-time, contract position working 24 hours per week with a salary range of $20.71 to $30.13 per hour, located in Peterborough.
The role of the counsellor is to assist students to function effectively as learners and as individuals by helping them understand, prevent or overcome personal, social or educational issues that may hinder learning or their ability to cope with everyday living. The duties are to interview individuals to explore personal, social, educational difficulties and cultural differences; refer to external services if appropriate; facilitate discussion/dialogue between students, faculty and administration; participate in pre-admission interviewing and testing as required; provide group counselling; assist faculty, administration and staff in a consultative role in identifying and dealing with student issues; provide educational/vocational information to students or direct them to available sources; participate in the orientation of new students to the college; and work as a member of the Native Services Team within the larger Student Services Team.

Qualifications: relevant post-secondary education as well as counselling experience; be of Aboriginal ancestry; possess strong understanding of Native culture, traditions and spirituality as they relate to counselling; knowledge of Native education issues and barriers; ability to identify and address systemic and overt discrimination and racism; knowledge of supports available to Native students; general understanding of Aboriginal communities; working knowledge of Native and non-Native community resources; excellent communication, interpersonal, human relations skills; and be a team player. A working knowledge of post-secondary education institutions would be considered an asset.

PART-TIME NATIVE SERVICES ASSISTANT
(Competition #S5397)

This is a 15 month part-time, contract position working 24 hours per week at $16.11 per hour, located in Peterborough.
Working within the Native Services Team as part of the larger Student Services Team, the major duties and responsibilities are to provide office assistance by setting up meetings, answering the telephone, taking messages, preparing documentation utilizing a computer, etc.; plan special events, i.e. workshops, conferences, socials, powwows, convocation events; liaise with the Native Education Council and sub-committees and provide support as required; provide Native input to the student handbook, college publications, etc; and assist with Native student recruitment.

Qualifications: Be of Aboriginal ancestry; possess strong understanding of Native culture, traditions and spirituality; knowledge of Native education issues and barriers; aware of supports available to Native students; ability to assist College staff and students to develop a raised awareness of Native issues; general understanding of Aboriginal communities; working knowledge of Native and non-Native community resources; excellent problem solving, interpersonal and written communication skills; ability to take initiative; general office skills with proficiency in the operation of a personal computer utilizing a variety of software (word processing, spreadsheet, database); and be a team player.

Anyone interested in applying to either of these positions may submit a detailed up-to-date resume and covering letter to Human and Organizational Development, Sir Sandford Fleming College, Room 524, Brealey Drive, Peterborough, ON K9J 7B1 (Fax 705-743-5763) by December 10, 1997, **QUOTING THE APPLICABLE COMPETITION NUMBER.**

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310 NOTICES

OPEN MEETING
Mental Health Planning Group
Topic: "Implementation Task Force & Working Group"
Thurs. Dec. 4
Haliburton Hospital
Boardroom
5 to 7 p.m.
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I would like to say thank you to all my friends and relatives who surprised me with a birthday party on Nov. 15. It was great! Was sure good to see friends old and new. Thank you for those who helped in organizing and preparation. Special thanks to my wife and mother-in-law for cooking up a storm. Thanks to all. **Love Cleve.**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Once again, the residents and businesses of Haliburton Village have come through with wonderful support of and participation in the Santa Claus Parade. A sincere thank you to the following businesses for their generous support: Haliburton Lumber, Curry Motors, Rotary Club of Haliburton, Easton's Valu-Mart, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, Haliburton Family Medical Centre, Video/Music City, Art Dawson Insurance, Kosy Korner Restaurant, Pizza Den, Haliburton Hairdressing, Cranberry Cottage, Cybertech, Dr. Rene Benoit, Emmerson Lumber, Roberts-Austin Fuels, Haliburton Hockey Haven, V&S Department Stores, Youngdale Fuels, Vista Signs, Wendy Gunning of County Commercial Printers, Rachel's Home Bakery, Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Luke Schell of Perfect Prints, Haliburton Volunteer Fire Department, Municipality of Dysart et al, Megan Woodman, Leanne Plouffe, Haliburton County Echo, Haliburton Lion's Club, Search and Rescue who came to our rescue when the O.P.P. were unable (due to weather conditions) to provide enough traffic control for our parade, CIBC and the Santa Claus Parade Committee. And then, of course, a GREAT BIG thank you to the participants in the parade: Haliburton Girl Guides and Pathfinders, Beatty Sugar Bush, Municipality of Dysart et al, Sir Sam's Ski Area, Stewart Pet Sitting Service, Haliburton Huskies (Novice and Tykes), Haliburton Lion's Club, Hi-Lo Advertising, Pet Headquarters, Emmerson Lumber, Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, Haliburton Lumber, Bancroft Shriners, Bancroft Shriners ATV Team, Search and Rescue,

330 THANK YOU

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PineStone Resort, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Ken Evans Construction. It certainly added to the festive occasion to hear the music of the Haliburton Silver Flutes Band and the Bracebridge Pipe Band. Santa Claus, we hope you felt a warm welcome to Haliburton. We hope all sponsors and participants had as much fun as we did! Be sure to mark Sunday, Nov. 22, 1998 at 2 p.m. on your calendar. **Haliburton Village BIA and Haliburton Lion's Club.** CA

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK our many friends and neighbours who shared with us their past memories of Reg Schofield. Their cards and their prayers, the lovely flower tributes and gifts of food and baked goods brought great comfort. We will long remember the memorial service conducted by Reverend Christopher Greaves and members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branches 624 Wilberforce and Branch 129 Haliburton with music presented by organist Elsie Lewis. Thank you to the ladies of the ACW and the Legion who served the luncheon. Thank you to Barry A. Cray and the staff of the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home who so ably took care of all of the funeral details. **Winnie Schofield, Barbara Schofield, Wendy Leslie and Connie Lyon.**

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, November 29, 1997 in her 92nd year
M. GRACE COBURN
Beloved wife of the late Lorne Coburn, loving mother of Carolynn Coburn of Minden, dear sister-in-law of Marjorie Coburn of Lindsay. Predeceased by her brothers Duncan, Murray, Kenneth and Fergus Richardson and her sister Stella Richardson. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews and many dear friends. Friends may visit at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday then to Minden United Church for Funeral Service on Wednesday, December 3 at 1:00 p.m. Cremation to follow. Memorial donations to the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home or the Minden Hospital Building Fund would be appreciated. CA

400 IN MEMORIAM

BURK, SARAH AMY –
We said a little prayer for you
And asked the Lord above
To keep you safely in His care
And enfold you in His love
We did not ask for fortune
For riches or for fame
We only asked for blessings
in His holy name.
With much love from **Daddy & Mommy and your brothers, Josh and Matthew.**

BURK, SARAH AMY – Who left us on December 1, 1991.
There is so little any of us can do
But we know that God will take care of you
For He's so great and we're so small
But He is mindful of us all
And we will say a little prayer
And place you safely in His care.
In loving memory of our precious granddaughter. Love **Grandma and Pop.**

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Two willing hands are still,
For one who suffered far too much
Is resting in God's will.
You never said goodbye to me,
For perhaps it's just as well,
I never could have said goodbye
To one I loved so well.
Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by your wife **Margaret.**

HANCOCK, JODIE – In loving memory of my dear granddaughter Jodie who passed away suddenly November 25, 1991.
Six years ago today my world fell apart,
You were taken away suddenly and it broke my heart.
Your smile, your warmth, your cheerfulness
Gave life a brighter touch.
No wonder it was easy, Jodie,
To love you so very much.
The memories I have of you,
The years we had together
Are linked so deep within my heart
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400 IN MEMORIAM

MATHEWS, BENJAMIN DANIEL – In loving memory of our son who passed away December 6, 1979.
It isn't what we write or even what we say,
It's what we feel within our hearts
As we think of you today.
There is always a face before us,
A voice we would love to hear,
Your smile we will always remember
Of one we loved so dear.
We hold you in our dreams at night,
We think of you at dawn,
Then we have to tell ourselves
That you are really gone.
When evening shadows are falling
And we sit at home alone,
To our hearts there comes a longing,
If only you could come home.
Our wish will never be granted,
Or our fondest dreams come true,
But Ben we will always hold
A special spot for you.
Forever loved and missed dearly,
Dad and Mom.

400 IN MEMORIAM

NEVILLE, GARNET – In loving memory of my only nephew who passed away December 3, 1993.
Nothing but memories as we journey on,
Longing for a smile from a loved one gone;
None knows the depths of our deep regret,
But we remember when others forget.
Always loved and remembered by **Aunt Bea, Uncle Bill and cousins.**

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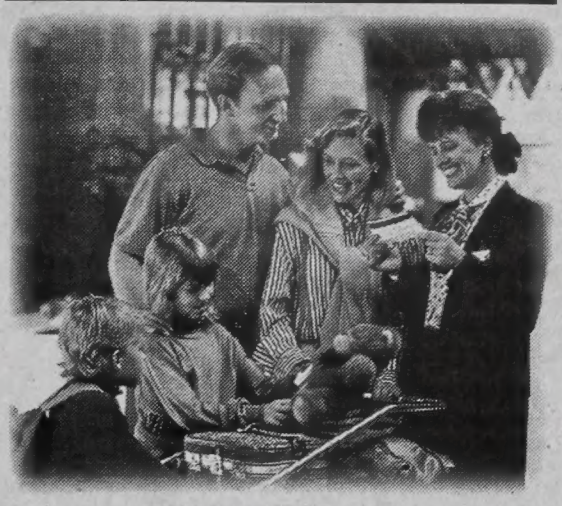

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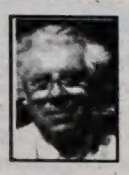

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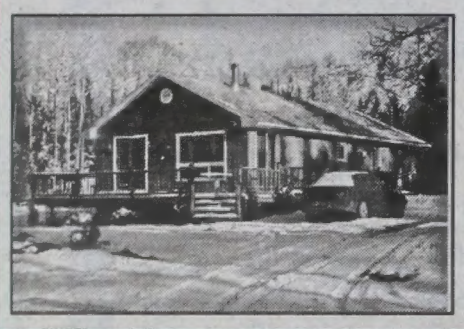

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